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The Baptist Record

"THY KINGDOM COME"

OLD SERIES—VOLUME 64

Jackson, Miss., Thursday, December 18, 1947

NEW SERIES—VOLUME 27—NO. 50

The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar
CONGRESS

Churchmen — lobbyists, ministers and laymen—here all agree on one big point concerning the forthcoming special and regular sessions of Congress: Everything that is done will have a political flavor about it.

That this will be true goes almost without saying, since all of the Representatives and one-third of the Senators will be up for reelection a year from now. As always, politicians generally are operating on the theory that the memory of the average voter is pretty skimpy and that John Q. Public will forget the past but will judge each Congressman, or public official, on what is done in the months (Continued on Page Two)

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Editor Encourages Churches To Record Special Services

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—(BP)—That churches buy wire-recording machines for the preservation of programs for later hearing is advocated by Editor Albert McClellan of the Baptist Messenger, state denominational paper here.

"With a wire recorder," McClellan points out, "a pastor can bring a convention home to his people. Too, he can record funeral services for absent members of the family, and the same is true for weddings, anniversary services and other types of public meetings."

The editor suggested further it might be well for the pastor to re- (Continued on Page Two)

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Clarke College Secures Campaign Goal Is \$350,000

McCall Lead Campaign Goodrich Publicity Chairman

will be carried to a triumphant completion in 1948.

They believe that the Baptist churches all over the state will respond to the challenge to "Help Clarke meet a need that only Clarke can meet."

Others on the executive committee are Dr. W. L. Sewell of Prentiss, who

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The Clarke College Board of Trustees in a called meeting, December 4, unanimously selected Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall as director of the 1948 phase of the enlargement campaign for Mississippi Baptists' Junior College. In announcing that Dr. McCall has accepted the directorship, Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, president of the board of trustees of Clarke, and chairman of the executive committee which will serve in an advisory capacity during the drive, said:

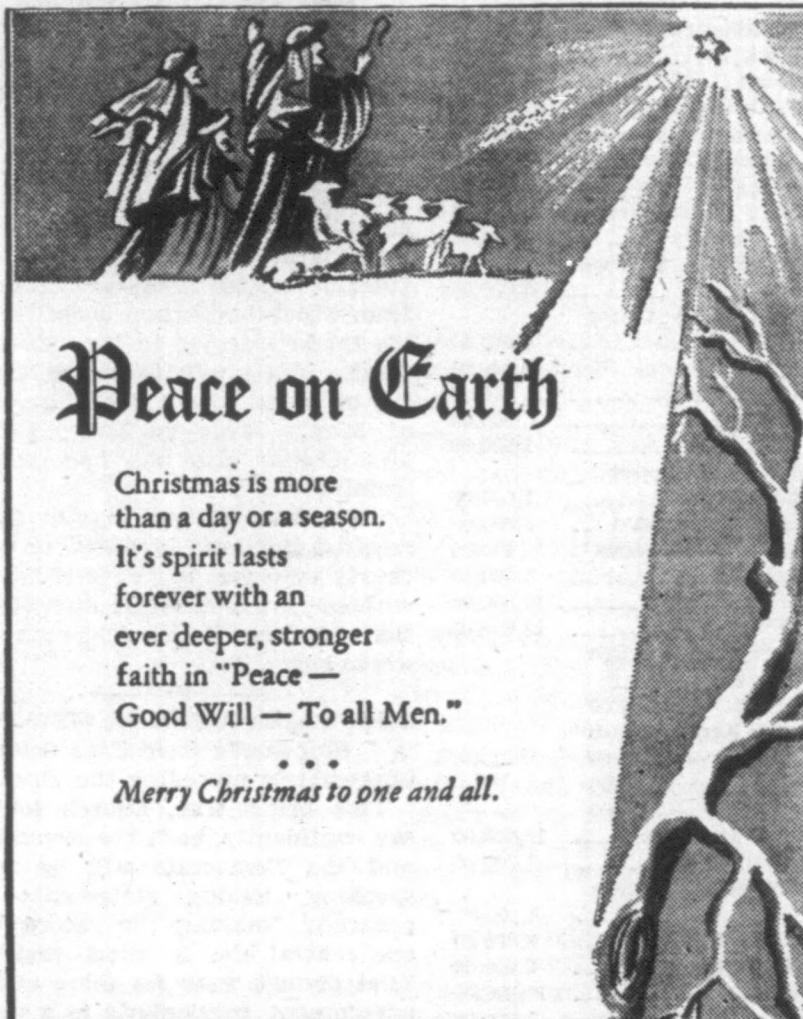
This Program of Strengthening and Improvement, with a goal of \$350,000 for the improvement of present property and erection of much needed additional buildings, was first approved by the 1946 convention. The money received during 1947, which was approximately \$20,000, has been wisely used in renovating the buildings and providing new equipment. The convention in its 1947 session approved the recommendations of the Education Commission that the Clarke College Campaign be accelerated in 1948.

The Trustees are very happy to receive Dr. McCall's acceptance of the challenging task of directing the 1948 phase of the Enlargement Program. Under his leadership they feel sure the campaign, which has met with an encouraging degree of success in 1947

Peace on Earth

Christmas is more
than a day or a season.
It's spirit lasts
forever with an
ever deeper, stronger
faith in "Peace"—
Good Will — To all Men."

Merry Christmas to one and all.



The annual Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention will convene in one-day session at First Church, Jackson, on December 30, according to State Training Union Secretary, Auber J. Wilds.

The speakers are all Mississippians except Charles Gage of New Orleans, who is director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Relief Program. Among those who will have parts on the program are: Rev. Joe Abrams, Shuqualak; Earl Clark, Jackson; Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Charleston; Miss Clarice Conner, Cleveland; Mr. Owen Cooper, Jackson; Rev. James H. Fairchild, Jr., Collins; Charles Gage, New Orleans; Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton; Mrs. J. C. Greenoe, Vicksburg; Mrs. E. L. Herring, Jackson; Miss Louise Hill, Louisville; Miss Alene Johnson, Jackson; Miss Edwin Robinson, Jackson; Miss Nell Taylor, Jackson; Mrs. Frank Thomas, Vicksburg; Rev. Wm. G. Watson, Louisville; Auber J. Wilds, Oxford.

Officers of the Convention are: Owen Cooper, Jackson, president; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Booneville, vice-president; Miss Margaret Ray, Hattiesburg, secretary.

Secretary Wilds states that indications are that all sections of Mississippi will be represented. Many associational directors have already written that they plan to bring bus loads (Continued on Page Two)

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Cooperative Program Receipts Exceed \$6,000,000 For Year

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention announced December 11 that the denomination's undesignated receipts for Southwide and worldwide co-operative work have exceeded \$5,000,000 for 1947.

This is the first time in history that Southern Baptists have given as much to general co-operative Southwide and

worldwide work of the denomination, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, said.

Undesignated receipts in 1944 were \$2,797,171.08; in 1945, \$3,860,708.37; and in 1946, \$4,602,212.48, Dr. McCall said. Total 1947 receipts to date, including both designated and undesignated gifts, are \$7,111,293.04, Dr. McCall states.

It was a check from California, newest state in Southern Baptist mem- (Continued on Page Two)

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Circulation This Week 60,457 Thanks To All Who Helped

Convention Board Adopts Budget Of \$213,120

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUNDS TO BE DIVIDED 60-40

The annual meeting of the Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was held in the Baptist Building December 4 and 5. A record State Mission budget of \$213,120 was adopted, and John D. Davis, prominent Greenville layman, was re-elected president of the Board. Other officers are: Dr. J. D. Ray, re-elected vice-

president; Rev. Fred B. Bookter, re-elected secretary; Rev. Virgil Ratliff, assistant secretary.

Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall was unanimously re-elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the tenth time.

All department heads were re-elected and each department com- (Continued on Page Two)

By Duke K. McCall
An indication that in the future Southern Baptists will receive in the nation's publications the news recognition the denomination deserves comes in a citation just awarded to Baptist Press. The citation is from Religious News Service, an international organization of wide repute for the syndication of religious news.

In a letter to denominational correspondents of the nation's 264 denominations, the New York office of RNS pointed to the work of Baptist Press (Continued on Page Two)

**TRAINING UNION CONVENTION
MEETS IN JACKSON DEC. 30**

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of representatives.

Mr. Wilds also emphasized that the attendance is expected to be large due to the fact that the meeting comes during the holiday season.

The program follows:

TUESDAY MORNING

December 30
8:30—Fellowship Period.
10:00—Meditation —
Song, Scripture, Prayer
10:20—Our 1948 Theme, FOLLOW ME—
President Owen Cooper
10:30—Bible Stories—
Story Hour Children
10:50—Junior Memory Work Drill
11:05—Special Music —
Van Winkle Ensemble
11:15—Recognitions, Offering, Committees Appointed.
11:35—Special Music
11:40—OUR WORLD
Rev. A. L. Goodrich
12:00—Recess For Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00—Meditation —
Song, Scripture, Prayer
2:15—Intermediate Sword Drill
2:30—Adults will tell human interest Stories from the Mission Fields.
3:10—Special Music
3:15—OUR WORLD—
Mr. Charles Gage
3:30—Thirteen Separate Conferences
5:00—Recess

Tuesday Evening

7:00—Meditation —
Song, Scripture, Prayer
7:15—Motion Picture—
Seeds Of Destiny
7:35—Young People's Speaking Tournament
8:20—Report of Committees
8:25—Special Music
8:30—OUR WORLD
Miss Edwina Robinson
9:00—Final Adjournment

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The afternoon Conferences will include a separate conference for — Story Hour Children, Junior Boys and Girls, Pastors and Directors, Intermediate Leaders, Junior Leaders, Story Hour Leaders, Musicians, and the following committees: Efficiency, Program, Membership, Social, Bible Reading, and Missionary.

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**CONVENTION BOARD ADOPTS
BUDGET OF \$213,120**

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mended for the good work being done.

Fifty-Seven Building Aid Grants

Fifty-seven churches were granted aid for church building purposes. The amounts allotted range from \$100 to \$1,500. The total amount available for church building aid was \$17,500.

Then thousand dollars was placed in the budget for pastoral evangelism. Having requests for more than was allotted, the committee was unable to grant all requests, nor was it able to grant the full amount of each application. Grants in varying amounts based on needs were made to 29 churches.

The budget committee recommended that Cooperative Program funds be divided 60% for State work and 40% for Southwide causes. It gave careful consideration to the resolutions from Jones County Association, which had been referred to the Convention Board by the State Convention. Although the Board did not deem it wise to change a 60-40 basis a motion was made that we set our hands to the task of increasing our percentage to Southwide causes. And that we state it as our present purpose to recommend to the Mississippi Baptist Convention in the 1948 session that in 1949 the Cooperative Program funds be divided 42 1-2% for Southwide and 57 1-2% for State causes; and in 1950, 45% for Southwide and

55% for State causes.

60-40 Division

The 60% of Cooperative Program funds are to be divided as follows:
State Missions 24%
Christian Education 24%
Orphanage 6%
Ministerial Education 2 1/2%
Baptist Foundation 1%
Radio 1 1/2%
Mississippi Baptist Hospital 1%

Total 60%

The 24% allocated to Christian Education is to be divided as follows:

Mississippi College 30%
Blue Mountain College 25%
Mississippi Woman's College 25%
Clarke Memorial College 20%

The Budget

The budget as adopted by the Board is as follows:

1. Church Building Evangelism	\$17,500.00
2. Negro Work	12,000.00
3. Indian Work	4,000.00
4. B.S.U. Work (Campus)	11,600.00
5. B.S.U. Department	5,900.00
6. Sunday School Department	13,500.00
7. Training Union Department	13,500.00
8. Evangelistic Conference	1,000.00
9. Historical Society	220.00
10. Board Employees Retirement Plan	3,000.00
11. Retirement Plan Office Expenses	3,000.00
12. Ministers Retirement Plan	15,000.00
13. Convention Expense	250.00
14. Fixed Expense	300.00
15. Board Meetings	1,500.00
16. State Mission Promotion, tracts, booklets etc.	1,000.00
17. Tracts and Promotion	1,000.00
18. Stewardship Conferences	600.00
19. Institutional Work	5,500.00
20. W.M.U. Department	15,500.00
21. W.M.U. Field Work	10,650.00
Camp Garaywa — \$5000 Negro Woman Worker — \$1,500.00 Indian and Negro Youth Worth — \$550.00 Scholarship — \$600.00 R. A. Worker — \$3,000	
22. Pastoral Evangelism	10,000.00
23. Service Men's Aid	1,200.00
24. Two Evangelists (Private Funds)	8,100.00
25. Brotherhood Department	8,000.00
26. Music Department	8,000.00
27. Associational Missions	17,000.00
28. Preachers' Bible School	1,000.00
29. Temperance Promotion	9,000.00
30. Widows Supplemental Plan	9,000.00
31. Summertime Evangelistic Youth Program	3,000.00
32. Promotion Ministers Retirement	1,000.00
33. Associational Missionary Institute	300.00
34. Chinese Mission	1,000.00

Dr. W. A. Hewitt for 28 years pastor of the First Church Jackson, and for many years a member of the Convention Board delivered the opening address before the Board. Previous to his address the Board had adopted resolutions concerning his faithfulness and his varied talents as chief motion-maker.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS EXCEED \$6,000,000 FOR YEAR

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bership, that sent undesignated gifts over the \$5,000,000 mark. The contribution was only \$723.25, but it shovved the total \$336.96 over the top.

Dr. McCall credited a tithing appeal, climaxing in the last three months of the year, for the large increase in receipts. Taking a chart of receipts for both 1946 and 1947, Dr. McCall pointed out that while every month in 1947 showed an increase over the comparative month in 1946, that increase averaged \$41,810.60 per month for the January to September period and then skyrocketed to an average of \$115,666.88 for the months of October and November after the tithing appeal came into play.

Dr. McCall estimated that more

Clark Accepts Fayette Church



REV. JAMES L. CLARK

At a recent conference, the Fayette Church called Rev. James L. Clarke as pastor, effective December 1. The Rev. Clarke is now studying at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from which institution he will receive his Doctor's degree in May 1948. Rev. Clarke is a graduate of the University of Miami, Miami, Florida, and also of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Mrs. Clarke also has had splendid training.

Members of the Fayette Church received Rev. and Mrs. Clarke with a hearty welcome. The church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. E. R. Anderson some weeks ago.

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THE WASHINGTON REVIEW

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immediately preceding the election.

This being true, church lobbyists say confidently, both the Republicans and the Democrats will be voting, speaking, issuing statements and generally "making the record" with one central idea in mind—reelection. That doesn't work for more efficient government, particularly in a time of crisis, but it is one of the prices the American people pay for the right to govern themselves.

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Net results, from the standpoint of the religious lobbyists, could be good in the coming sessions. Since church people of all faiths represent one of the largest single voting blocs, although not organized for political purposes, of course, the opinions of the religious lobbyists generally are heard with greater interests in an election year than at any other time.

HELP WANTED-CHAPLAINS

T. A. Rymer, executive director of the General Commission on Chaplains, sent out a "help wanted" appeal last week from his near headquarters on Capitol Hill here.

In letters to the leaders of all Protestant Denominations, he relayed the needs of the armed forces for 500 chaplains—300 of whom will be needed by the Department of the Army and 200 by the Department of the Navy.

Mr. Rymer said that the Army chaplains are wanted for the reserves, but that those who sign up for reserve duty no doubt soon will be called into active service. Every time the Army or Navy signs up a certain number of new recruits—generally about 500 in each branch—there's need for a new chaplain.

than a million members now tithe into their churches. Total gifts to the churches are expected to reach \$134,000,000 for the year.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE IN THE NEWS

(Continued from Page One) as "the prototype of all denominational reporting." Then after detailing the varied nature of Baptist releases, the editor concluded: "If it appear that the (Southern Baptist) denomination is receiving the best kind of publicity—straight objective reporting of newsworthy events, it is only because the denominational correspondent is on the job."

This citation points up the early success of Baptist Press, a news service sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and edited by C. E. Bryant. Founded shortly after Mr. Bryant's coming to the Executive Committee as publicity director last May, BP supplies denominational and secular publishers alike with Baptist news from the whole of our Southern Baptist territory. The news is gathered in co-operation with the editors of the several state Baptist papers, and the Nashville office digests it and for widest possible publication.

Within the denomination, the publication of Baptist Press items helps to knit denominational fellowship through the sharing of information, and it aids advance through the sharing of promotion ideas. Outside the denominational press, friendly relations with national news syndicates and nationally circulated magazines of both secular and religious nature has resulted in the bringing of Southern Baptist activities to the attention of readers throughout the nation.

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EDITOR ENCOURAGES CHURCHES TO RECORD SPECIAL SERVICES

(Continued from Page One) cord his sermons so that "he can hear himself preach." The procedure also would allow the exchange of messages "with his brother preachers for the sake of voice and accent improvement.

McClellan heartily endorses "giant strides" being made by the churches "mechanical as well as in other ways." He cited an Oklahoma Baptist church soon to install an elevator to assist the infirm into the auditorium, visual aids already being used by 200 of the denomination's churches in the state, public address systems and air conditioning systems. Such mechanical contrivances, he said, "make more efficient the work of the churches."

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Chaplains Are Ready To Help

The following is a statement made by Chaplain Solon L. Cole, Base Chapel, Bergstrom Field, Austin, Texas, in a monthly report to the Chaplains Commission:

"Please urge the families and pastors to write to us about their sons and members. We want to create a close contact, so we can really reach all these men for the Lord. Urge the people to hold up our hands. We will do our best every day."

This chaplain expresses the desire of all our chaplains. With the large number of young boys in the service, our people need to keep in close contact with and through their chaplains. They are in there to serve.

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In this month of the Christmas season in our terribly torn and distracted world, it is glorious to be reminded that the Bible carries the message of peace. John L. Hill in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Phones 4-6384 and 3-2476, Baptist Building, Jackson, Mississippi. Home Phone 3581, Clinton, Mississippi.

'Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.' Jesus in Matthew 7:12

Pastors, treasurers, and others interested will please remember that the Convention Board books close December 31st for the calendar year.

It is for this period that figures will be printed in the Baptist Record. Let every church show up as a New Testament church having part in all the work of Christ.

Where a request was referred to the Executive Committee, it would be well for you to send us any additional information that may throw light on your request.

I



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are happy to present here present and recent members of the Executive Committee as follows:

R. D. Pearson, F. B. Moseley, F. B. Bookter, J. D. Ray, J. D. Davis, D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, G. O. Parker, E. D. Hurst, W. A. Hewitt, G. C. Hodge, J. B. Parker, and H. H. Aultman.

For nine years we can testify this group has never experienced any real strife concerning the work of Christ. They have been splendid and cooperative always. They have honestly tried to remember all the work of Christ. They have constituted the inner group leading Mississippi Baptists from victory to victory these years.

During depression days, the old Education Commission found itself unable to handle the tremendous debt they had accumulated under their regime. Incidentally, this old form of the Education Commission is the same that next year comes into existence again by order of the Convention. We would warn them against two evils, despite good works, they hampered the old commission and endangered Mississippi Baptist life. We refer to paralyzing debt and devastating strife.

Back to our story, by order of the Convention during depression days, the Executive Committee of the Convention Board was made the Education Commission. They took over leadership in paying the million dollar indebtedness that had proven too much for the old Education Commission. They led us through the Hospital Campaign, the Blue Mountain Campaign, and the Mississippi College Campaign. The Executive Committee as the Education Commission has led us into the greatest spirit of unity, harmony, and victory Mississippi Baptists have ever known. We are serving with heroes of the faith!

II

CHRISTMAS GREETING

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"Love ever gives,
Forgives — outlives,
And ever stands
With open hands,
And while it lives,
It gives —
For this is love's prerogative,
To give — and give — and give!"

A Merry Christmas and a great big 1948 to you and yours.

D. A. McCall
Ernestine Coope
Mrs. Ennabel Alexander
Bess Eva Schilling
Lois Tyler
Mrs. B. L. Dildy

Charles Horner
Daunie Jean Smith
W. R. Roberts
Joan Henderson
Mrs. D. A. McCall
E. C. Williams

J. E. Lane
Mrs. Sally Campbell
A. L. Goodrich
Elizabeth Draughon
Mrs. W. D. Smith
Mrs. Alda Matthews
Mrs. L. R. Williams
Margaret Cloud
Clarice Killough
Mrs. Tom Temple
A. J. Wilds
Alene Johnson
Clarice Conner
Louise Hill

Carolyn Madison
Mrs. P. C. French
Luther Harrison
Patsy Bailey
W. L. Bolcomb
Ruth Sterling
J. B. Parker
Reve Stewart
B. H. Benton
Edwina Robinson
Nell Taylor
Nettie Ree Traylor
Mrs. Jean Butler

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Dr. W. E. Greene, president of Clarke Memorial College, and his Board of Trustees have unanimously and insistently requested that we serve in 1948 as director of the great Clarke College campaign for \$350,000.00. We have great admiration for Dr. Greene and all others connected with Mississippi's most unusual school — Clarke College! We think of the 150 ministerial students over there and others who would like to be there if the room and equipment were available. We think of the nearly 300 enrolled and the large waiting list — waiting for Mississippi Baptists to make it possible for them to get an education in a great junior college. We think of some of our outstanding Baptist preachers who attended that school. We think of students coming from homes with limited finances. We think of the wives of students making sacrifices that their young husbands may better prepare themselves for the gospel ministry. We think of the high school there made available for veterans and other adults eighteen years and above who are late in getting their high school education. We think of the evangelistic fervor and missionary passion of this school. We remember that this school is teaching the practical things of the church and denominational life as we do not know of it being taught elsewhere. For instance, they recently ordered copies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual and the Southern Baptist Convention Annual that they in class might be better informed in matters affecting the spreading of the gospel.

In the light of that and many other considerations, in the spirit of humility and prayer, we accept the challenge and opportunity. Three hundred and fifty thousand Mississippi Baptists could over night give \$350,000.00 to this great school and do it without hurting any church budget, any building program, the Co-operative Program, or anything else! In the first place, we have seven percent (7%) of the Lord's tithe that we have been withholding. We could pay it out of that and have plenty to spare!

"Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod; We are divided; All one body we, One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war. With the cross of Jesus Going on before!

IV

Throughout the month following the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, we have heard nothing but praise and commendation for all the action taken and the spirit manifest by messengers at the Convention. That is as it should be. Mississippi Baptists are on the march! Doxology!

Likewise, from every section of the state, verbally and in writing, one expression of appreciation after another has been rolling in regarding the dynamic program worked out and the marvelous spirit manifest by members of the Convention Board in recent annual session. This morning a telephone call came from up near the Tennessee line and it was just to express that appreciation. Several letters have come along the same line. We quote from two of these received this morning as follows:

Pastor L. G. Sansing, Booneville, already placed among us as one of our great young preachers, writes in part, "I felt that we had a very successful meeting of the Convention Board. We have a worthy State Mission program and our church is behind it. The work here continues to grow. It has been a steady growth from the beginning."

Pastor Kermit Canterbury, Charleston, another outstanding young preacher from whom Mississippi Baptists will hear more and more as we go along, writes in part, "I made a report on the Board Meeting at our Tallahatchie County preachers meeting in Sumner yesterday. I find that we are 100% behind the discussions made there, and definitely behind you in the program for 1948." He then followed with the constructive statement to the effect that steps have been taken to have Tallahatchie Association into the 100% column by enlisting the three remaining churches.

Such response and spirituality make Mississippi Baptists the great people they are.

Near the close of the meeting of the Board, Dr. J. L. Boyd, veteran pastor and student of Mississippi Baptist life, said, "I have attended many Board meetings, but this is the happiest group I have ever seen."

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Christmas Thoughts

A wistful world is listening — hushed at heart, listening — perhaps unconsciously. The heart of the world is weary, and it listens for the whir of soft wings as light as snowflakes in the air — angels' wings. The wistful world is listening for the angels' song of Peace on Earth.

If anyone doubts this, read the article printed below. This was given by a young business and professional woman of Jackson, at the Christmas meeting of The Fortnightly Club. The reception these outstanding women gave to their fellow members symbolizes the world's hunger for the Spiritual. Other clubs have asked her to give it to them. One radio program over WJQS has featured it. With the author's permission, we are printing:

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

By Geraldine McCall

Christmas is so cluttered up with false art, commercial zeal, material gifts, and worldly merrymaking, that its real significance is often lost.

For Christmas is more than a holiday and a mood; it is the birthday celebration of Jesus Christ, who was born in a stable, lived a life of ministry, died upon a cross of redemption, and was resurrected to assure eternal life for all who would receive Him as Saviour.

The patient Father's love was manifested at Bethlehem and at Calvary. The Lord Jesus Christ is God's love gift to the world. The saved of the world is God's love gift to His Son. So tremendous, so well nigh incredible is the love of God, that we mortals are unable to grasp it — yet we believe! Not only at Christmastide, but EVERYDAY, it should be the theme of our meditation.

Articles, authors, poets, prophets, and saints, have gone the limit of their powers to express this deepest significance of Christmas.

When the Christ Child was born, the Father did not make use of an earthly choir, but brought forth a Heavenly Choir, and the angels sang, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Jesus Christ IS Peace, and they crucified Him. And so the world continues to grow more distraught in political, economic, and social strife, and

dence than ever before. There is peace in the hearts of individuals who have accepted the Prince of Peace as Saviour, but there will be no WORLD peace until His bodily return, when every knee will be bowed, and every tongue shall call Him LORD OF LORDS.

As carols fill the air this season, and as Christmas decorations glitter all over the world, let us remember every minute that it is all in celebration of the Saviour WHO CAME TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS.

May the faith and watchfulness that first found human lodgment in the hearts of Judea's simple shepherds fill our hearts at this season, and may our lives always be used to ascribe the highest glory to Christ, the Saviour.

Yes, a wistful world is listening, and God's people have the song they yearn to hear!

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A Great State Mission Program

The Convention Board, at its recent annual session in Jackson, set forth, we believe, the most challenging State Mission Program Mississippi Baptists have ever sponsored.

In order that all may thoroughly understand the meaning of the great program adopted, we explain below the budget, item by item, except a few that are self-explanatory. The complete budget appears on another page.

Church Buildings Evangelism, \$17,500. This money is used to aid churches in erecting houses of worship.

Negro Work \$12,000. Most of this is used for the negro seminaries located at

These seminaries are helping negro preachers better prepare themselves for pastoral service.

Indian Work \$4,000. This money is used to help the Indians in all phases of their work.

B.S.U. Campus Work \$11,600. This is to support B.S.U. secretaries at the various schools through the state.

B.S.U. Department \$5,900. This money is for the work of the State B.S.U. Department under the direction of State B.S.U. Secretary Charles W. Horner.

Sunday School Department \$13,500. This money is used for the Sunday School work under the leadership of State Sunday School Secretary, E. C. Williams.

Training Union Department \$13,500. This money supports the Training Union department which is lead by State Training Union Secretary, Auber J. Wilds.

Evangelistic Conference \$1,000. This money is used for the annual Evangelistic Convention. The next Conference will be held at Vicksburg, February 24-27, 1948.

Historical Society \$220. This small sum is used under the direc-

tion of Dr. J. L. Boyd, who is trying to collect and preserve Mississippi Baptist History.

Board Employees Retirement Plan \$3,000, Retirement Plan Office Expense \$3,000, Ministers' Retirement Plan \$15,000, Widows Supplemental Plan \$9,000. All these items are for the Board Employees, Ministers and Minister's Widows' Retirement Plan. It provides protection for preachers who reach the age of 65 or who become disabled at any time after one year's membership in the plan. Since the plan began to function 38 preachers, 4 widows, and 2 Board employees have been beneficiaries.

State Mission Promotion \$1,000. This money is used for informing Mississippi Baptists about their work.

Tracts and Promotion \$1,000. This is used to print tracts and booklets and other things to promote our State Mission work.

Stewardship conferences \$600. This money is used to promote a series of stewardship conferences throughout the state.

Institutional Work \$5,500. This money supports the institutional visitation work done by Rev. J. B. Parker. He regularly visits the Jackson hospitals, the Veterans Administration Hospital.

W.M.U. Department \$15,500. This is for the regular W.M.U. work such as office work and workers, W.M.U. Executive secretary and promotion.

W.M.U. Field Work \$10,650. This money is to be used as follows: Camp Garaywa maintenance \$5,000; negro woman workers \$1,500; Indian Youth Work and Negro Youth work \$550; W.M.U. Scholarship \$600; Royal Ambassador Worker \$3,000.

Pastoral Evangelism \$10,000. This money is used to supplement pastor's salaries where because of local conditions the church cannot pay a reasonable salary.

Service Men's Aid \$1,200. This money is used by the First Church, Biloxi, for its Service Men's Program. Keesler Field is a permanent Army School and the Service Men's Program of First Church, Biloxi, reaches many of them.

Two Evangelists. (Private Funds) \$8,100. The two evangelists are Rev. B. H. Benton and Rev. W. W. Kyzar. Mr. Benton is supported by the LeTourneau Foundation.

Brotherhood Department \$8,000. The Brotherhood is one of our youngest and fastest growing departments. W. R. Roberts is secretary and the above amount supports his departments.

Music Department \$8,000. The secretary of this department is Luther A. Harrison, who has already greatly influenced the stand-

ard of music in many Mississippi churches.

Associational Missionaries \$17,000. This money is used to supplement the salaries of Associational Missionaries in associations that have a missionary.

Preachers Bible School \$1,000. The school was held last year at Clarke College. It is planned primarily for preachers who have not had the advantage of a college and seminary education. But all are welcome. The money is used to help on the preachers' expenses and to pay small honorariums to the faculty.

Temperance Promotion \$9,000. This money is used for what it says, temperance promotion. This is being done under the direction of the secretary, Dr. W. L. Holcomb.

Summertime Evangelistic Youth Programs \$3,000. Youth revivals are to be promoted by this money. Teams of College and Seminary students conduct revival meetings and youth meetings in various churches and communities.

Promotion of Ministers' Retirement \$1,000. This money will be used to publicize and promote the Minister's Retirement Plan. Many pastors haven't joined because they don't understand.

Associational Missionary Institute \$300. This money is used to help pay the expenses of the Annual Associational Missionary Institute which is held at Clarke College. The Associational Missionaries meet once a year to discuss their problems and make plans to do better work.

Chinese Missions \$1,000. This is the Chinese work at Greenville.

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An Important Week At Miss. College

Last week was a great one for Mississippi College students.

Under the leadership of B. S. U. Secretary O. L. Malone, some of the best talent among Southern Baptists came from a week of addresses and seminars. The list of speakers will be found elsewhere.

We attended several sessions and each one was informing and inspiring.

Many students now have a larger vision of service and in the years to come many Mississippi communities are going to be blessed by what was accomplished during Religious Focus Week at Mississippi College.

Students attended in large numbers. Many students had places of leadership in promoting and conducting the various exercises.

There may be other colleges and (Continued on Page Five)

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AN IMPORTANT WEEK AT MISS. COLLEGE

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universities that will do as well, but none will excel.

Mississippi Baptists should be proud of a school that gives such emphasis and right-of-way to spiritual things.

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Do These Two Things

On another page you will find an impressive cartoon. Be sure to turn to it, because it positionizes the various groups in our society.

A desperate effort will be made in the legislature which meets in January to break down our liquor laws and legalize hard liquor in Mississippi. It will perhaps come in the form of state package stores. Alabama tried this, only to find that it is still Public Enemy Number One. To date forty-seven of their sixty-seven counties have voted it out by local option elections.

Every reader of this article should contact his representative and senator personally or by letter immediately. Urge them not only to vote against legalizing liquor, but also to use their influence for the strengthening and enforcing of our present liquor laws.

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No Paper Next Week

According to the custom of the years, there will be no paper next week which is Christmas week. So the Baptist Record workers now send greetings to readers and friends.

Christmas week is the one time in the year when no issue of the Baptist Record is published. The next issue will be January 1, 1948.

The Lord bless all of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Baptist Record Force.

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It Was Unsigned

We regret that we cannot publish the article about the fifty-sixth anniversary of Gum Grove Church, Lincoln County. Whoever sent the article did not sign his name. The envelope was marked Rt. 2, Brookhaven. If the party will send his name the article can be used. Each week on page four we state that unsigned articles cannot be used.

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We have received from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, a student handbook for 1947. The book contains a letter from Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president, pictures and addresses of the entire faculty and staff, and of all students enrolled in the Seminary and School of Church Music during the first term of the 1947-48 session. The book also contains a geographic distribution of the student body, a list of students by states, and general information for students.

ROBERT PATTERSON, JR., ORDAINED TO MINISTRY



ROBERT PATTERSON, JR.

Robert B. Patterson, Jr., was ordained to the gospel ministry by the College Hill church, Calhoun Association on November 16. The ordaining council of ministers and deacons included Rev. J. B. Middleton, Moderator; Rev. C. A. Savell, Clerk; Rev. R. L. Harville, Examiner; Rev. C. T. Schmitz, Rev. A. F. Brasher, Rev. L. E. Roane, A. E. Ferguson, and Will Shelton.

The highlight of the ordination service was the sermon preached by the candidate's father, Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., in which all were impressed by God's message through father to son. The unusual situation attracted the interest of the entire group.

"Bob," as he is called by those who know him best, is a senior at Mississippi College. Recently he was called as pastor of the College Hill church. His wife is a real helpmate in all his activities, and promises to mean much to his successful ministry. All who know the young couple predict great things for them in the days ahead. In speaking of the young preacher, Rev. Mr. Savell said: "We feel the Spirit of God leads him. In his half time work now, and full time later on, the churches will find in him an able young man, full of the Spirit and who meets people well and loves all people."

Rev. R. B. Patterson, Sr., is outstanding as one of the Associational Missionaries of the Baptists, and friends everywhere are rejoicing with him and Mrs. Patterson over their fine son's dedication of his life to the field in which they have labored so well.

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PLAIN CHRISTIANITY is by William Rogers, a veteran of all our wars since his graduation from West Point in 1893. His two sons participated in World War II and consequently the author is vitally interested in "winning the peace." He feels strongly that if the world would accept the true principles of Christianity and apply them to the conflicting problems of today, there would be no cause for wars. The destruction of nations that have forgotten God is our witness that we cannot live without Him. The author advocates a real down to earth religion for the world today. In Men's hearts alone will be found the basis for permanent peace and "Plain Christianity." Composed of eight chapters the book will prove interesting regarding to all who realize that individuals and nations in their confusion are sincerely seeking a WAY and that Plain Christianity is the Way. Order from the publishers, The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Avenue, Boston 20, Mass., or from the Baptist Book Store for \$2.00.

CLARKE COLLEGE SECURES MCCALL LEAD CAMPAIGN

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is vice-president of the board, Rev. J. L. Hill of Union, Horace Headrick of Laurel, W. A. Taylor of Louisville, and Miss Zadeen Walton of Newton, secretary of the board of trustees. Attending the Jackson meeting also were Dr. E. I. Farr, assistant to President Greene and L. M. Lanier, business manager of the school.

Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor of the Baptist Record, will serve as Baptist Record publicity chairman. Miss Mildred Sepp of Charleston, will serve as the office secretary for the campaign.

Dr. McCall, during his tenure of office as the state Baptists' mission secretary of the education commission, has led in the completion of five major campaigns. His genuine admiration for Clarke college and his be-

lief in its destiny in these significant days influenced him to undertake what will doubtless be his final effort in this realm since the former plan of an Education Commission has been voted for 1949. The intensive campaign will start in January.

Universal popularity of Clarke College and the loyal devotion of its former students point to a wonderful response in the support of "Mississippi's Most Unusual School." It has been called the school of "providence and prayer," since the many manifestations of God's blessing in its history have been little short of miraculous.

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The Bible was never meant to be a fetish or a talisman. The mere possession of a Bible is no assurance of divine favor. To display a copy of the Scriptures in our homes is no guarantee that our living will be Christian. . . W. Douglas Hudgins in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

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On the last Sunday of November, we took again to preaching following our brief hospital experience the first of the month. Gum Grove, Lincoln County, was the church and Brother A. P. Wells, the pastor. A splendid congregation was present, a dinner on the ground was served, and we raised \$1,000 on the Educational Annex. This Wells family is a family of preachers and preachers' wives, and all good ones. Brother A. L. Gatewood, pastor of Itta Bena Baptist Church, is a son-in-law. He led the singing in the services, and in fact seems able to do most anything and do it well.

With Secretary Horner a trip was made to Starkville over B.S.U. matters. We have 1700 Baptist students and possibilities in the student body at Mississippi State and Mississippi Baptists have there a real opportunity.

On the way back a stop was made at Philadelphia First Baptist Church. A splendid congregation was present and it was good to be among some great friends.

Any of us would be happy to serve as chauffeur or pilot to the president. We had that very privilege Sunday. We piloted the president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention en route to Columbus dropping him at Kosciusko and picking him up on the way back. We refer to Mr. Auber J. Wilds. As expected, he was a good passenger. Due to an unusually strong headwind and premature darkness because of cloudy weather, we were caught and had to land on a dark field. With a great show of courage, he said, "We can make it." The words probably passed his heart in his throat.

We got a good illustration of cooperation out of it. As we were heard flying over the field, Mr. Johny Cleveland and others at his airport, swung two cars, a truck, and a motorcycle in place turning the lights upon the field. We landed in fine shape. Doxology!

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We flew up to Columbus to speak at Providence Baptist Church. Dr. S. B. Platt and family, outstanding Christian leaders of Columbus, met us and drove us to the service. Dr. Platt is another one of these fine Christian physicians who puts the work of the Lord first. Rev. A. E. Lucas, father of Mrs. Platt, and pastor of the church, has been for years one of our constructive Mississippi Baptist preachers. The house was filled with a good congregation and properly dedicated to the service of the Lord. A good dinner on the ground was served.

At night we were with Calvary Church, Warren County, with pastor R. B. Dixon. Despite rain the house was packed with a congregation in fine spirit. Brother Dixon is a warmhearted evangelistic leader.

Tuesday night we were at the Hinds-Warren Brotherhood meeting at Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg. The house was filled with men. Laymen brought good messages and Brother Homer Roberson brought a fine sermon. Staff members, W. R. Roberts, Luther Harrison, and J. B. Parker accompanied us over. It was a good service.

VIII

Congratulations to the saints down in Adams-Franklin Association as the churches of that association are now 100% in Co-operative Program participation.

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As usual the Convention Board in recent session gave diligent attention to the King's business. We recommend that the State Mission budget be held to \$200,000.00. A fine budget committee found it could not include all seemingly necessary items in less than \$208,000.00. We readily agreed. The ladies of the W.M.U. convinced the Board they needed \$4,000 additional financial aid and the Temperance department was voted an additional \$1,000, making our 1948 State Mission budget stand at the grand total of \$213,000.00. We are for it, but it means that everybody will have to stand behind it if we do this work of Christ in a great way typical of Mississippi Baptists.

This office continues to receive large monies for all the work of Christ in this state and around the world. This is at it should be. The work merits it and Christ asks for it.

We believe the Board set up a fine schedule in allocating Co-operative Program distributions. Our work was never in better shape for another great year in His service.



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POTPOURRI

Miss Marian Leavell, Dr. F. M. Purser and others participated last week in "BSU Week" at Ole Miss . . . Dr. Frank Leavell writes of his regret that the local Student Secretaries cannot be at the Secretaries' Seminar in Nashville this week—only the State Secretaries. Pray for us . . . Total enrollment of all colleges in Mississippi is 19,216, according to Mr. Ben Hilburn, State College Registrar, who adds that State has 3,451 students, 2,478 of whom are veterans . . . Two MSCW students conducted a weekly Bible Study group for children last month . . . All of the Baptists at Woman's College are enrolled in at least one unit organization of the BSU. Also, there are no unchurched students there, twelve students conducted services in the jail and at Bouie St. mission and a Thanksgiving service was held last month, there are 20 subscribers to the Baptist Students, and the BSU sponsors a chapel program every Wednesday . . . From Miss. College last month, students and faculty gave \$757.68 to the Clinton Church and 125 students attended a Sunday School party . . . Ten students joined local Baptist churches from Miss. Southern recently, and plans are underway to start BSU sponsored weekend Youth Revivals in Lebanon Ass'n next month . . . Bro. Wilburn S. Smith, new pastor at Starkville, writes: "It is my purpose as a Pastor to cooperate fully with the program of the BSU . . ." We appreciate that . . . Dr. Paul G. Horner, Pastor of 15th Ave., Meridian, writes of our Convention: "Our people are still talking of the many ways we were all benefited both in our homes and in our church . . . The impact which the Convention left upon us will bear

much fruit here for the glory of Christ . . ." . . . "My heart was thrilled by every part of it, and I feel much closer to God after being there," writes Dorothy Griffin, of Blue Mountain . . . In recent days two Miss. State students have been converted, and 18 have joined the Starkville church. Besides, State boys have helped organize a Negro BSU in West Point, Miss. . . Three Sunflower Jr. students have recently joined the Moorhead church; six from Clarke, the Newton church; five from Blue Mt., the local church, where 25 rededications were made; one from Pearl River Jr., the Poplarville church; two from Delta State, the Cleaveland church; one from East Central Jr., the Decatur church; one from MSCW, the Columbus church.—MSCW had 142 girls in the sawdust room from their Thanksgiving service . . . Did you see Helen Bolt's picture in "Jenny Lind's Lines" of the Dec. Baptist Student? Carla Allbritton writes from Sunflower Jr. that all but one or two of their fifteen foreign students were present at their Thanksgiving Service. Religious Emphasis Week, with Pastor Horton, of Clarksdale; local pastor, Dr. Moore, and Riley Munday, among others, was recently held there . . . At Millsaps, Baptists Chas. Wright, W. Lowrey Comper, Ed. Miller, Gene Nettles, Bill Jones participated in Rel. Emp. Week . . . Both Pearl River Jr. and Blue Mt. have had a recent "Hobo Party." Write them for details . . . Forty-five Ole Miss students were on the program of a BSU-sponsored service at the Oxford Church recently . . . A prayer meeting at Philadelphia, the State Bd., meeting, Jackson Youth for Christ, and Miss. College's Focus Week constitute recent appearances. More of the latter next week.

Editors Urge Prayer Meetings For New Year's Eve

Because of the fact that civilization is probably facing the most critical hour in the history of man, the undersigned editors of our state denominational papers, are making the most earnest appeal of which we are capable to all Southern Baptist churches, regardless of size or location, to join together in the mightiest prayer meeting ever held by our people on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1947. The above date falls on Wednesday night, the time of our midweek prayer service; but we are urging that the service be different from the usual prayer meetings in that:

First, no church shall be hampered with the problem of time. Begin as early as you choose and stay as late as you choose.

Second, make the service one of song, praise, testimony, and prayer.

Third, make an appeal that everyone present who will pledge to try to lead at least one lost soul to Christ during 1948 come forward and give the leader his hand as a covenant.

Fourth, the following are suggested objects of prayer:

1. Pray for a revival to come in your own heart.

2. Pray for a revival in your church.
3. Pray for a revival to come to Southern Baptists.

4. Pray for a spiritual awakening to come to this world.

5. Pray for the pastors, evangelists, religious leaders, and the missionaries, home and foreign.

6. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon all the leaders.

7. Pray for the State-wide Evangelistic Conference.

8. Pray for the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, in May 1948.

9. Pray for a burden to come to your heart for a lost world.

Signed: Dr. L. L. Gwaltnew, Alabama; Rev. W. Barry Garrett, Arizona; Dr. B. H. Dukan, Arkansas; Rev. Floyd Looney, California; C. Chandler Stith, Washington D. C.; Dr. E. D. Solomon, Florida; John J. Hurt, Jr., Georgia; Rev. B. J. Murrie, Illinois; Rev. N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas; Dr. R. T. Skinner, Kentucky; Rev. Finley W. Tinnin, Louisiana;

Dr. Francis A. Davis, Maryland; A. L. Goodrich, Mississippi; Dr. H. H. McGinty, Missouri; Dr. G. Ward Fenley, New Mexico; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, North Carolina; Rev. Albert McClellan, Oklahoma; W. M. Seay, Acting editor, South Carolina; Dr. O. W. Taylor, Tennessee; Dr. David M. Gardner, Texas.

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Results of a survey on "Are Roman Catholics Winning the South?" are published in the 1948 first quarter issue of the Quarterly Review, published by the Sunday School Board.

Intermediates Of Hebron, Lauderdale, Have Successful Study Course



Seventeen Southwide Workers At Mississippi College

Clinton, Miss. — Mississippi College was host last week to seventeen outstanding religious leaders who took part in Religious Focus Week and were a great blessing to the students and people of Clinton. They came from Virginia to Texas, and from Illinois to Georgia. The team was headed by Robert S. Denny of Nashville, a Southwide Secretary of the Sunday School Board. The local committee was in charge of O. L. Malone, Student Secretary, with Miss Agnes Mathews and Maurice Clayton, co-chairmen of the student committee.

These leaders in various fields of thought and action have been counseling, informing and inspiring the students. Overflowing crowds have been present at meetings morning and night. Seminars were held throughout the day. The program was sponsored by the Baptist Student Union.

In addition to Mr. Denny, those who have taken part are:

Rev. W. C. Armes, Pastor Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. Rev. John E. Barnes, Pastor Main St. Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. Dr. John Caylor, Secretary of Education, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Lowry B. Eastland, Banker, Insurance Executive, and Business Magnate, Baton Rouge, La.; Dr. D. J. Evans, Pastor Gordon St. Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. S. H. Frazier, Surgeon and Chief of Staff, Lightner Hospital, Harrisburg, Illinois; Miss Jenny Lind Gatlin, Associate Student Secretary, S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Carl J. Giers, Pastor Hunter St., Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. H. R. Howard, Pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Miss Marjorie Moore, Managing Editor, The Commission, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Jack Noffsinger, Religious Director, University of Richmond, Va.; Mr. William Hall Preston, Associate Baptist Student Secretary, S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. W. Hines Sims, Department of Church Music, S. S. Board, Nashville. Mrs. Carl Townsend, Author, Yazoo City, Miss.; Dr. Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. Charles Horner, Student Secretary for Mississippi, Jackson, Miss.; Mr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Student Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., who is in general charge of the activities of the week.

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The Bible in the home fortifies for temptations which continue to come through the years. . . Jerome O. Williams in The Sunday School Builder.

With 26 Intermediates enrolled in the Training Union of Hebron Church, Lauderdale Association, there were 23 enrolled in a recent study course. Three of those attending were members of other churches. Mrs. Rowena Smith taught the book, "The Meaning of Church Membership."

Officers of the union are leader, Albert Smith; president, Helen Sollie; vice-president, Harlan Smith; secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Harper; social leader, Delores Robinson; Bible leader, Margaret Ann Pogue; chorister, "Dickie" Dickens; group leaders, Victoria Irby, Dorothy Bunyard, Bobby Irby and Rufus Shirley.

The Hebron Training Union was organized 19 years ago and has been in continuous operation since. The pastor's wife, Mrs. Annie Maurine Sollie, is director. The attendance on November 9 for the Training Union was 91. Rev. James H. Sollie is pastor.

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A Reader Writes

On Dec. 4 a boy, Jimmy Baldwin, age 18, came to see me. He showed me letters from several pastors in Mississippi and Alabama recommending him. He asked me to write a letter of introduction, urging my members to give him magazine subscriptions. (I didn't write the letter). He told me he was from Buckner Orphan's Home, Dallas, Texas. . . that he was working for a scholarship to Oklahoma Baptist University, where he would be a ministerial student . . . that his father was once pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Dallas. He also told me that DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT RESIGNED AT FIRST CHURCH, DALLAS, TO ACCEPT A CALL TO BUCKNER HOME BAPTIST CHURCH . . . AND THAT DR. TRUETT IS NOW PASTOR AT BUCKNER HOME BAPTIST CHURCH!

A letter today from Dr. Hal F. Buckner states they have never had a Jimmy Baldwin in their home! A letter today from Dr. J. W. Raley of O. B. U. says they know nothing of him.

Since he seems to be working Mississippi now, perhaps a warning should be given in the Baptist Record.—CHESTER M. SAVAGE, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Liberty.

MISSISSIPPI CLUB AT SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY HOLDS BANQUET



GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." **Our Motto:** "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

I recently visited Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. While there I spoke at the chapel exercises in the morning and in the evening at the annual banquet of the Mississippi group.

Both President Head and many members of the faculty spoke in highest terms of the students there who are Mississippians.

I have never been more graciously received or treated than I was by these or those connected with Southwestern Seminary. I occupied the guest room in Fort Worth Hall, and was forbidden to pay for any meals that I ate in the cafeteria, which is operated by the Seminary. Others having parts on the banquet program were Mrs. Alpha McDill, Bob Entrekin, Miss Sibyl Deweese and Miss "Happy" Wilson.

Officers of the Mississippi Club are: C. L. Boland, Pontotoc, president; Mrs. Pat Gullidge, Grenada, vice-president; Edith Adams, Jackson, secretary-treasurer; Sybil Deweese, Philadelphia, publicity director; Henry Greer, Lumberton, reporter; Mrs. Alpha McDill, Ellisville, faculty sponsor.

Shown above is a scene taken with the Mississippi group seated at the banquet table. Those present were:

Kenneth Mavity, Paul Cranford, Mrs. Paul Cranford, Henry Greer, Sybil Deweese, Pat Gullidge, Mrs. Pat Gullidge, Wilbur Breland, Mrs. Wilbur Breland Margurete "Happy" Wilson, Charles Jones, Edith Adams, John Evans, Mrs. John Evans, Bob Entrekin, Mrs. Bob Entrekin, Dr. A. L. Goodrich, C. L. Boland, Mrs. C. L. Boland, Mrs. Alpha McDill, Donie Elizabeth Boland, Jesse L. Morgan, James Harold Morgan, Mrs. Jesse L. Morgan, Marfurete "Happy" Wilson, Bobby Rush, Marlin Hicks, Mrs. Marlin

Hicks, Percy Renick, Mrs. Percy Renick, Jimmy Haggard, Mrs. Jimmy Haggard, Jimmy Haggard, Jr., Clarence Wilson.

BOLTON

On a recent Wednesday night I had the privilege of speaking at Bolton and telling about some of my experiences in Europe during the past summer.

Dr. A. A. Kitchings of Clinton is the pastor, and the work is well-organized. And the people are going forward. They are enjoying their new church building.

Readers in Hinds County are now listed as follows: Alta Woods 17, Beulah 46, Bethesda 61, Bolton 25, Byram 20, Chapel Hill 20, Clinton 256, Edwards 35, Elraine 32, Jackson: First 1,067, Calvary 1,292, Daniel 93, Davis Memorial 124, Griffith Memorial 4, Northside 243, Parkway 457, Southside 67, Van Winkle 202, West Jackson 17; Learned 17, Midway 83, Mississippi College B.S.U. 65; Mt. Morgan 21, New Haven 33, Palestine 10, Pocahontas 22, Raymond 73, Salem 29, Siwell 36, Terry 121, Utica 67.

CALVARY CHURCH, WARREN COUNTY

Mrs. Goodrich and I were the speakers for the annual banquet given by the W.M.U. of Calvary church. Mrs. Goodrich spoke of the importance of the WMU work, and I spoke about my trip to Europe during the pastor summer. The good ladies had prepared the banquet tables in the yard in front of the church amid a rustic setting.

Rev. Robert Dickson is pastor. He and wife moved into the church community last summer.

Butane gas has been installed and new heaters have been purchased for each class room. The church also has a bus which is used to transport people to the services. There are now 97 enrolled in the Sunday School and 67 in the Training Union.

One of the most active organizations is the W.M. S. They have bought a nice library and also helped to purchase the bus.

Record readers in Warren County are now listed as follows: Antioch 43,

grounds. Anyone who has been to Mountain Creek for one of those dinners on the ground knows that it was a good one.

Record readers are now listed in Rankin County as follows: Antioch 44, Barefoot 19, Bethel 18, Brandon 63, Briar Hill 50, Cato 37, Clear Branch 47, Concord 33, County Line 43, East Side 36, Fannin 17, Galilee 9, Hickory Ridge 20, Johns 29, Leesburg 30, Liberty 23, Mizaph 36, Mountain Creek 22, Mt. Pisgah 44, Oakdale 45, Paul Truitt Memorial 38, Pearl City 29, Pearson 24, Pelahatchie 76, Puckett 43, Rehobeth 27, Richland 56, Rock Bluff 12, Star 46, Steen's Creek 94, Union 29.

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The December issue of the Baptist Student contains an article, "If He Had Not Come," by Mrs. Carl Townsend. This subject is presented by the author under the topics, if He had not come to the children of the world, to the women of the world, to the youth of the world, and to the people of the world. Mrs. Townsend is the former Miss Sibyl Brame, one time Southwide Student Secretary. Since the passing away of her husband last August, Mrs. Townsend has made her home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Webb Brame, in Yazoo City.

NOTICE OF CHARGES

The Editor and Business Manager desire to treat all the same in the using of space in The Baptist Record. It belongs to all. Larger resolutions passed by churches have become something of a problem to the editor. After talking together, the following charges for space will be observed:

Resolutions up to 100 words will be printed free of charge. Above 100 words, one cent (1c) per word will be charged.

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CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Season is approaching. Our hearts are filled with joy. There are so many things that come to us at Christmas time to bring us happiness. Loved ones send us gifts and pretty Christmas cards. Friends visit us and wish us a happy day. Our homes are bright with Christmas cheer. Everywhere there is good will and gladness.

But do we stop to think what brought all this joy into the world? This is the season in which Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, came into the world. Soon we will celebrate our Lord's birthday. That is why all the world is happy.

"Unto you is born this day a Saviour!" This is the most wonderful news the world has ever heard. It came on the first Christmas day to the shepherds of Bethlehem, and their hearts were glad. It comes each year to God's children everywhere, and their hearts are glad too. Now we know that God loves us for He has sent His son to save us and to give us everlasting life. Let each of us ask Jesus to come into our hearts anew at this Christmas season.

"Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room

JAMES EDGAR DAVIS

Whereas James Edgar Davis was a man who gave himself to the Lord Jesus Christ early in life, and thereafter practiced the faith of the Christian religion, believing that you can only make others better by being good yourself, and,

Whereas he practiced faithfully the Christian principle of unselfishness, in that he constantly served others, and,

Whereas he was not afraid to take God at His word, and when he saw no path to follow, simply acted upon what he considered the will of God, and,

Whereas he was a constant inspiration and of inestimable help to the pastor and deacons, and,

Whereas as a charter member he was always at his post of duty in the church, and

Whereas second only to his immediate family, he will be more sincerely missed by the pastor, deacons, and members of this church,

Be It Resolved:

First, that we tender to Mrs. James Edgar Davis, wife of our dear brother, and to the other members of his family, our deepest sympathy in their hour of sorrow, and,

Second, that we express to them our deep appreciation of the constancy, loyalty and faithfulness of Brother Davis to every interest of our church, and,

Third, that we promise them our prayers for their strength and comfort in this sad hour of bereavement, and,

Fourth, that we ask the printing of these resolutions in the local newspaper and the Mississippi Baptist Record, and,

Fifth, that a copy be placed on file in the minutes of this church.

Done by order of deacons of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in regular meeting, November 2, 1947 and signed by deacons and pastor.

J. J. Crozier
Carl Bond

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The love of God explains the world's greatest miracle and the world's greatest gift and the world's greatest sacrifice... Editorial in The Teacher.

For Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus:
There is room in my heart for Thee."
Amen.

We, of the Sunday School Department, wish for each of you everywhere A Merry Christmas and A Happy, Prosperous New Year.

UNENROLLED CHURCH MEMBERS

Mr. Sunday School Superintendent, In making your New Year's resolutions for your Sunday school, why not include one concerning the unenrolled church members. Did you know that

1. Fifty-two and one-half per cent of our church members are not enrolled in our Sunday school? This percentage totals more than two and a half million people.

2. Ninety-five percent of these unenrolled people are young people and adults?

3. This situation affects not only the Young People, Adult and Extension departments, but every other department in the Sunday school?

4. The only solution to this vital problem is to organize more working units? We earnestly hope that every Sunday school in the state of Mississippi will cooperate with us during 1948 in going after the unenrolled church members for the Sunday school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

December 14, 1947

S.S. B.T.U.

Jackson, Calvary	1,282	325
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone St. Mission	1,322	370
Jackson, Davis Memorial	297	99
Jackson, Van Winkle	273	176
Paul Truitt Memorial,		
Rankin County	51	45
Jackson, First Church	1,249	429
Byram	101	70
New Albany, First	480	195
New Albany, First including		
North Side Mission	508	
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	475	156
West Laurel	415	111
Greenwood, First	440	
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	64	68
South Laurel	83	50
Myrick, Jones County	111	85
Murphy Creek,		
Winston County	86	55
Siloam, Simpson County	74	39
Prospect, DeSoto County	82	97
Corinth, Tate Street	205	64
Antioch, Lawrence County	58	50
Wallerlee	90	57
Center, Union County	116	56
Friendship, Pike County	185	109
West Corinth	164	101
Pascagoula, First	635	217
Hattiesburg, Main St.	708	234
Houkka, Chickasaw County	103	58
Ellison Ridge,		
Winston County	95	59
East Columbia	70	
Booneville, First	267	127
Chester, Choctaw County	54	
Columbus, First	690	331
Carmel, Lawrence County	123	90
Brookhaven, First	729	187
Durant	201	71
Chalybeate	50	32
Crystal Springs	633	111
Cross Roads Church,		
Webster County	54	23
New Zion, Copiah County	66	60
Mantee	89	30
Gulfport, First	557	133
December 7, 1947		
Hernando	100	
Jackson, Parkway		240
Soso	106	67
Paynes	145	57
Centreville	160	61
Carmel, Lawrence County	122	88
Hattiesburg, Main St.	750	305

SPARKS & SPLINTERS

New Hope Church of Lawrence County recently ordained R. F. Thanes, Preston Catlant and Alton King as deacons. Pastor M. C. Nelson read the Articles of Faith. Rev. D. O. Horne, pastor at Monticello preached the ordination sermon. Deacon J. E. Nelson led the ordination prayer.

PRAY FOR OTHERS is a new booklet written by Frank C. Laubach. This booklet is setting out to prove that the Christian Church can recapture the power of intercessory prayer. It is published by The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee. The price for a single copy is 10 cents, 12 copies \$1, 25 copies \$2, 100 copies \$6. Order from the publishers or the Baptist Book Store.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: Rev. Carl J. Giers, Birmingham, Alabama; H. S. Simmons, Byram; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smallwood, Gilchrist, Oregon; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; James F. Mitchell, Vicksburg; Rev. Carey E. Cox, Hazlehurst; Rev. A. Sidney Johnston, Jackson. Rev. A. J. McFarland, Sterling, Kansas; Rev. Paul D. Boothe, Jackson.

Heidelberg Church, Wyatt M. Gilbert, pastor, has made a number of improvements in the physical equipment, at the pastorum and by furnishing the pastor's home not only with necessities but furnishings that will provide comfort. Included in the furnishings are a butane gas range, refrigerator, dining suite, living room suite and many other necessities. Church loyalty has been manifest by the increasing attendance upon the services, and by increased giving to denominational causes. For November received through the plates were \$621, a special offering for world relief of \$210 and for the Orphanage \$17.—Mrs. Chas. E. Price, church reporter.

The Columbus Association will have J. N. Barnette of Nashville, of the Sunday School Board, in a Training Awards Banquet on December 17. The event will take place at 7 o'clock in the evening in the First Baptist church in Columbus, according to Boyd Armstrong of Columbus.

The Belhaven B.S.U. gave a model "Student Night at Christmas" program on December 1. This was designed to instruct students in presenting the programs in their own home churches during the holidays. Christmas music was played by Sarah Alice Doss, and songs led by Katherine Wright. Peggy Holder, B.S.U. president spoke briefly before Gene Howell led a discussion with Jean Dalton, Eva Frances Dixon, Mary Martin, Martha Carolyn Wells and Patsy McCoy on the B.S.U. Margaret Shipp read, "Spirit of B.S.U." accompanied by Sarah Alice Doss, pianist. The guest speaker, Charles Horner, spoke on "Christ, the Great Difference." The program was concluded by a hymn by the B.S.U. quartette.

First Church, Liberty, has made splendid progress the past six months under the leadership of Chester M. Savage. There have been 51 additions, offerings and attendance have great increased, a new Hammond organ installed, the church redecorated inside. The church voted Dec. 7 to assume the entire support of a foreign missionary. Also their budget calls for \$1800.00 per year to the Co-operative Program and \$500.00 per year to associational missions. The offerings last month totalled \$1,813.00.

The minutes of the Lee County Association show resident membership of 6,935, baptisms 278, additions by letter 387, Sunday School enrollment 4,886, Training Union enrollment 1,227, enrolled in W. M. U. 1,117 with contributions from the W. M. U. of \$5,131, enrolled in Brotherhoods 168, gifts for local work \$216,587, and gifts for missions \$156,320.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Arizona; Rev. Harold C. Clower, Baxerville; Jesse Clower, Crystal Springs.

HIGLEY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY on the International Uniform Lessons will prove helpful whether you use the topical method, questions and answers, verse by verse or the lecture method. Preceding the introduction to the first and third quarter lessons is a map of Palestine in the time of Christ and the Apostles. At the beginning of the lessons for the third quarter is a map of the Old Testament World. Each lesson contains the scripture, an outline, memory selection, and lesson illustration. In addition to questions for review and research are suggestions for teachers of other groups of Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Primary groups. The price is \$1.50. Order from The Higley Press, Butler, Indiana or from The Baptist Book Store.

Total membership in the churches of Holmes County Association is 2,772, Sunday School enrollment 1,636, enrolled in Vacation Bible Schools 446, in Training Union 426, in Woman's Missionary Union 438, gifts for local work \$66,068; and gifts for missions \$82,202.

LITTLE FOLDED HANDS, Prayers for Children, illustrated by Otto Keisker, contains morning prayers, evening prayers, table prayers, prayers in sickness and for school and church. This book may be purchased from the publishers, Concordia Publishing House, 3558 South Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis 18, Missouri or from the Baptist Book Store. The price is 45 cents.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS, a vest pocket commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, Uniform Series for 1948, is published in its thirty-first volume by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. High C. Moore is the author and editor. Teachers and Christian workers who have used Dr. Moore's Points for Emphasis in other years know the value of it. New workers will do well to become acquainted with this small volume which is rich in helpful material on the International Sunday School Lessons. The price is 50c. Order from The Baptist Book Store.

Evangelist Barney Walker, Jackson and Ralph Young, Escatawpa, led a revival meeting recently at the First Church, De Quincy, Louisiana, where a Mississippian, Rev. W. E. Hellen is pastor. Pastor Hellen writes in highest terms of both men. There were 20 additions, 16 by baptism. One young man surrendered to the ministry, a young lady for missionary service and three others for special service.

The Council of Methodist Bishops has approved a resolution requesting the House of Representatives to appropriate funds for the completion of the religious census started in 1946. The Southern Baptist Convention approved a similar resolution at the St. Louis meeting.

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Meridian Youth To Sponsor Meet

The young people of the South Side Baptist church in Meridian are sponsoring a "Young People's Spiritual Retreat" during the holidays. They will start the meeting on Sunday night December 21, with a special service at the South Side church, after which carolling parties will go out to sing. The closing feature will be a devotional at the church. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock. Guests for the event will be Clinton Marlow of Miami, Florida, speaker, and Scotchie McCall, Jr., musician. Rev. A. E. Mason and his young people are inviting all the Lauderdale county youth to share in the services.

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The college trained teachers as well as the other teachers in our Sunday schools need to continue to take courses in Bible. . . L. B. Reavis in The Sunday School Builder.



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LAYMEN FILL IMPORTANT PLACES IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST LIFE

If there is any doubt in anyone's mind about the place that laymen are playing in our Baptist Convention life the list of laymen and their responsibilities given below should be most revealing.

Department Heads: Charles W. Horner, B. S. U.; Auber J. Wilds B. T. U.; W. R. Roberts, Brotherhood; J. E. Lane, Ministers Retirement; E. C. Williams, Sunday School; and J. A. Travis, Baptist Foundation (resigned).

Institutions: Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, President, Blue Mountain College; Dr. D. M. Nelson, President, Mississippi College; and W. G. Mize, Superintendent, Baptist Orphanage.

Trustees, Blue Mountain College: A. J. Guyton, Blue Mountain; W. H. Anderson, Booneville; Dr. Arch Stacy, Tupelo; Thorton Ray, Pontotoc; Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs; Paul Owen, New Albany; and D. L. Fair, Louisville.

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Board of Ministerial Education: M. Latimer, Clinton; W. H. Sumrall, Hattiesburg; W. L. McMullan, Newton.

Trustees, Baptist Hospital: Harvey

Has Perfect Record For Ten Years



MISS CAROLYN CAUSEY

Miss Carolyn Causey, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. B. Causey of Sardis, has attained one of the most outstanding records for Sunday School attendance, having been present each Sunday for ten years in succession. She also has been present each school day for six consecutive years at the local public school. Her father is president of the Fellowship Class and a deacon in the Sardis Baptist Church.

Hedgepeth, Jackson; D. C. Simmons, Jackson; J. P. Wall, Jackson; W. C. Hester, Jackson; C. A. Roper, Hazlehurst; Dr. George Townsend, Morton; Owen Cooper, Jackson; G. W. Covington, Hazlehurst; J. S. Love, Jackson; Will Jacobs, Jackson; and Zach Hederman, Jackson.

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Convention Board Members: H. B. Boutwell, Natchez; John D. Davis, Greenville; W. D. Gooch, Hernando; W. D. Cole, Philadelphia; Verda Smith, New Albany; R. E. Gardner, Louin; E. D. Hurst, Laurel; J. W. Vassar, Corinth; A. G. Graham, Guntown; H. A. Scott, Tylertown; and K. R. Cofer, Water Valley.

Cooperative Program 100 Percent Associations

Monroe Association, Walthall Association, Winston Association, and New Choctaw (Idan) Association report church 100% in contributing to all the causes of Christ through the Cooperative Program. We still believe it possible for every New Testament church to have part in all the work of Christ. Not only that but we believe it possible for every Christian with an income to have part in all the work of Christ. Giving through the Co-operative Program provides the channel, tithes and offerings suggest the proportion, and to make Christ known to the people is the object.

To date we have 27 100% associations in this respect as follows:

Benton, Bolivar, Clarke, Clay, Columbus, Deer Creek, George, Grenada, Greene, Gulf Coast, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lebanon, Leflore, Monroe, Neshoba, Oktibbeha County, Panola, Pearl River, Pike, Sunflower, Walthall, Warren, Winston, Yazoo, Smith, and New Choctaw.

—D. A. McCall

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When Evangelist A. D. Muse (Mississippian) of Louisville, Kentucky, received his 1948 contract for daily broadcasting over radio station WGRC, Louisville, which will be his fifth year, the company also offered him a 30 minute daily period including Sunday over their new, powerful FM station WBQX.

--Woman's Missionary Union--

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OUR MISSIONARY MAGAZINES

Since having heard Miss Blanche Rose Walker tell how she would sit

in an unheated, poorly lighted room, wearing ten coats to keep warm as she wrote articles for our missionary magazines, I have had a greater appreciation for our magazines and the fresh messages they bring from our mission fields. Woman's Missionary Union publishes four magazines; ROYAL SERVICE for the W.M.S.; THE WINDOW OF YWA; AMBASSADOR LIFE for the R.A.'s; WORLD COMRADES for the G. A.'s and Sunbeams. The total subscription list for these four magazines has grown to more than 306,000.

These magazines supply two needs. First: they contain the missionary programs for the meetings of the W.M.U. organizations. Second: they contain excellent supplementary materials such as the Calendar of Prayer, timely announcements of W.M.U. activities, articles on our missionary fundamentals, new mission books and suggestions for their study, plans for Focus Weeks, hand-work and poster ideas, etc. In Isaiah 39:4 we find this inquiry: "What have they seen in thy house?" Good literature lends a cultural atmosphere to the room where it is seen. Our homes are blessed indeed if these excellent missionary magazines are found in them, having a prominent place in the reading of the entire family, especially the children. Since according to reliable authorities, eighty-five per cent of our knowledge is gained through our eyes, reading has therefore first place in the molding of the lives of our children. With today's keen interest in reading, how wise to partake of the informing, interesting and beneficial material in our missionary magazines! The least we can do to promote the missionary education of our youth is to put these magazines, in our homes where they will be easily accessible to our boys and girls.

In a world fraught with change, we need to keep abreast of the spiritual significance of these changes. Current missionary news in the possession of each member such as is supplied by our graded magazines is a MUST in the development of right thinking among the individuals in our W.M.U. organizations. The interesting missionary news found in our missionary magazines will cause us to pray more intelligently, give more liberally and trust more firmly in God.

Mrs. P. B. Smith.

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Benton Holds Stewardship Services At Iuka

Rev. B. H. Benton, state evangelist, was with Rev. Jack Cranford and the Iuka Church, December 7-11, in a series of stewardship services.

Evangalist Benton says that the new pastor's home is something to be proud of, and that the people are happy in the work with their new pastor. In spite of a downpour of rain the people filled the church for the Sunday evening service. The Rev. Benton predicts great things from this church in the coming days.

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There can be no peace on earth unless it is that kind of peace on earth as it is in heaven... Raymond J. Seeger in The Baptist Student.

ALTON E. POLK ORDAINED



REV. ALTON E. POLK

Alton E. Polk, student of Clarke College, Newton, was ordained by Nicholson Church to the full work of the Gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, November 23.

Mr. Polk, veteran of overseas service in the Navy during the recent war, has been called as pastor of the Hickory Grove Church of which his father, Rev. Z. A. Polk, was pastor when he died a few weeks ago. He is the son-in-law of Rev. Tom E. Lee of the Caesar community, also a student in Clarke College and pastor of Zion Hill Church, McNeill.

The pre ordination examination was led by Rev. Virgil Davis of the Nicholson Church and Dr. O. P. Estes of the Picayune First Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. Harold Jones of the Goodyear Church, Picayune and the ordination prayer by Rev. E. C. Pigott of the Gainsville Church. Rev. Virgil Davis presented a Bible on behalf of the Nicholson Church.

Rev. Charles R. Davis of the Roseland Park Church gave the charge to the preacher and Dr. Estes presented

Religious Education Association Schedules 1948 Meeting

The Second Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Ass'n will be February 5 and 6, 1948 at Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg. MWC was re-opened this last year and has been completely redecorated and is beautiful to behold. It will serve as a very fine background for the meeting this time.

Those eligible to attend this conference and for membership in the organization are: educational directors, music directors, church secretaries, youth leaders and recreational directors, B.S.U. secretaries are the state field workers of the denominational. These workers must be from the Baptist Churches in Miss.

The program will begin at 1:30 Thursday and will conclude at noon on Friday and will feature a banquet Thursday night, special speakers, and helpful conferences.

The entire cost, including meals, banquet, and room will be only (\$2.25). Send your reservation to S. C. Ray, Educational Director, Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

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Dr. L. B. Travis observed his second anniversary with the First Baptist Church of Paris, Texas on Sunday, December 7, 1947. During the two years of his pastorate there have been 828 additions to the church, 231 of these coming by baptism. The church is on a 50-50 plan of giving through the Unified Budget. The Sunday School attendance is now averaging near 1000.

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I am convinced, after spending fourteen months in the Orient with the Army of the United States, that Christian missions is a vital need of those people in that section of the world. . . E. Kay Bryan, M. D. in The Teacher.

a charge to the Church. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Polk.

Young Rev. Polk will continue to live at Clarke College where he is a student and will-pastor the Hickory Grove Church on weeks-end.

MONTHLY REPORT — SOUTHWIDE FUNDS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

DUKE K. McCALL, Executive Secretary

November, 1947

RECEIPTS

	Program	Designated	TOTAL
Specials	\$ 250.00	\$ 50.34	\$ 300.34
Alabama	29,859.04	3,768.57	33,627.61
Arizona	—	—	—
Arkansas	13,764.61	280.31	14,044.92
California	1,628.00	149.91	1,777.91
Dist. of Columbia	1,550.00	2,453.51	4,003.51
Florida	14,452.90	1,953.07	16,405.97
Georgia	26,423.73	5,002.59	31,426.32
Illinois	8,641.15	934.49	9,575.64
Kentucky	42,163.16	3,376.12	45,539.28
Louisiana	15,356.34	2,045.42	17,401.76
Maryland	3,906.65	—	3,906.65
Mississippi	32,160.37	3,446.19	35,606.56
Missouri	24,801.26	4,604.09	29,405.35
New Mexico	2,688.74	450.06	3,138.80
North Carolina	69,052.69	16,261.85	85,314.54
Oklahoma	26,636.38	2,865.87	29,502.25
South Carolina	42,313.57	288.70	42,602.27
Tennessee	61,042.04	3,004.86	64,046.90
Texas	54,166.66	25,672.46	79,839.12
Virginia	27,554.07	—	27,554.07
Totals for Month	\$ 498,411.36	\$ 76,608.41	\$ 575,019.77
Year to Date (11 Mo.)	\$4,795,984.10	\$2,075,633.57	\$6,871,617.67
1946 to Date	\$4,188,021.32	\$1,864,061.92	\$9,751,132.94
1946 to Date World Relief		\$3,689,700.04	
1946 to Date Centennial Off.		\$ 9,349.66	

DISBURSEMENTS

	Current Month	Year to Date
S. B. C. Budget Fund	\$ 4,984.10	\$ 47,959.79
Baptist Brotherhood of the South	4,934.29	47,482.08
Radio Commission	9,375.11	90,218.18
Baptist Foreign Mission Board	294,800.33	3,646,576.50
Baptist Home Mission Board	95,550.63	1,412,904.23
Relief and Annuity Board	75,028.60	745,326.21
Southern Baptist Hospital	533.42	4,941.87
Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary	25,332.41	246,508.88
Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary	24,875.10	241,818.68
New Orleans Baptist Theol. Seminary	24,678.15	238,782.69
W. M. U. (Training School & Designated)	5,024.93	48,415.14
American Baptist Theol. Seminary	9,879.55	97,850.28
Miscellaneous	23.15	2,833.14
TOTAL	\$ 575,019.77	\$ 6,871,617.67

MY FATHER 'GOES HOME'

By Felix Arnold

On Friday, December 5th, my father went home. We laid his body to rest in the Shannon cemetery on Sunday afternoon. It was no sad occasion, his leaving us, because for him it was 'going home'. " . . . for he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and faith . . . ". That characterization of Barnabas by Luke the Historian (Acts 11:24) was the text beautifully used by Pastor Roy Lewis of the Shannon Baptist Church as he spoke of my father's life and influence. Father was a GOOD man. His life was one of good deeds and unselfishness, not only towards family and friends, but toward all those who were in need, who had no claim upon him except through the compulsion of Christ's "as ye have done it unto me." But it is not in the knowledge that he was a good man that we take comfort; rather, we rejoice that his goodness was the fruit of his faith, ". . . for he was a good man and full of . . . FAITH", and in his unwavering faith he has 'gone home'.

Jerry Lee Arnold was born near Shannon, Mississippi in 1871 and lived in Shannon practically all his life. He was a member of the Shannon Baptist Church for a longer time than there are records to show. He was a deacon for fifty years or more, and was Sunday School Superintendent there for thirty-seven years. He was always interested, active and generous in the affairs of his church. For as far back as I can remember he was a subscriber to and a faithful reader of the Baptist Record. In his last years, as eyesight dimmed, his Bible, his Record and the daily paper constituted his reading diet, and in that order. Those of us who knew and loved him best . . . wife, children, sisters, brothers . . . take the greatest comfort from the words of that voice who spoke to John on Patmos, saying "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

(Editor's Note: The Baptist Record has also received a copy of resolutions adopted by the deacons on December 11. The resolutions lament the loss of deacon Arnold and recount his fine life of Christian service.)

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MOLLY'S MISSION

By Edith Ferrill

'Twas the day before Christmas
And Molly McGuire
Had made herself comfy
Before a bright fire
A wonderful feeling
To see on the shelf
All of the goodies
She made for herself.
That night she dreamed of
Some homes in the city
Where there were no presents
Or Christmas tree pretty.
Then Molly awakened,
Arose to her feet
And packed several baskets
With good things to eat.
Then out of the house
And into her car
She started her journey,
For it was quite far.
She came to McGinty's house
Down a long lane:
Receiving the present
Was small Mrs. McGinty;
Behind were her children
Some fifteen or twenty.
Molly McGuire! And
How be ye to-day?
It's seldom ye come.
Won't ye come in and stay?"
But Molly had business,
And soon she was gone
To finish the task
thus begun
Wherever she went,
She spread Christmas joy
To children who didn't
Have candy or toy.
And then once again
Our Molly McGuire
Was cozily warming
Before a bright fire.
And though there was less
Food on her shelf,
Her thoughts were of others
And not of herself.

JANUARY 11 DESIGNATED EVERY FAMILY CLOTHE A FAMILY DAY

Sunday, January 11, has been designated "Every Family Clothe A Family Day" by the Mississippi Baptist Committee on Southern Baptist Relief.

On that day every family in Mississippi is urged to bring in articles of clothing sufficient to clothe a family. The committee composed of Owen Cooper, Dr. Glen Eric Wiley and Rev. Carey Cox has issued the following appeal:

Dear Brother Pastor:

You recall that the last session of the state convention appointed a committee composed of the undersigned to implement the collection of clothing, etc., in Mississippi as a part of the Southern Baptist Relief program.

The committee is asking that Sunday, January 11, or the nearest appropriate date, be designated as "Every Family Clothe a Family Day" in Mississippi. We hope that a program will be worked out so that every church in Mississippi will urge each family in the church to bring in articles of clothing so that they may be sent in place of need and "Every Family Clothe a Family Day."

The articles collected should be packed and boxed and shipped postpaid to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplande, New Orleans, La. The enclosed folder will give complete details regarding packing and shipping.

This is a very unusual opportunity for Mississippi Baptists to participate in a practical expression of their Christian love. "I was naked and ye clothed me." "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

We suggest that you enlist the assistance of your Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, and WMU on this project and that we make of it a great experience of Christian love. Perhaps this clothing may save a life or even more important be instrumental in a contact that will save a soul.

Earnestly yours,
MISSISSIPPI COMMITTEE ON
SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF

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ROME —(RNS)—An Italian tribunal has sentenced Camillo Porreca, Rome lawyer, to seven months in prison for "offenses against religion." As editor of a series of books published under the general title "Anti-clerical Thought," Porreca was found guilty of having reprinted old publications which contained criticism of Roman Catholic religious orders. Editor's Note: Another example of how Catholics practice religious liberty in countries where they are in the majority.

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Dr. Joseph T. Watts, who has been General Secretary of the State Mission Board of the Maryland Baptist Union Association since 1927, has indicated his intention to retire at the end of this year; and the Maryland Baptist Union Association in its 112th annual session, October 24, passed resolutions of appreciation for his leadership in Maryland during the past 20 years. The resolutions review the steady growth of all organizations during this period and the increase of gifts in Maryland, and also point out Dr. Watt's valuable service to the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. William Potter, former pastor at Carthage and now pastor at Camdenton, Missouri, writes as follows: Last Sunday, November 16, the Power fell in this church and the total results of the day counted 21 individual decisions for the Lord Jesus. Four of them for baptism, one by letter, one for full time Christian service, and 15 mothers who pledged to start a "family altar" in their home that very day. Recently our deacons recommended to the church that an earnest campaign be instituted to have a family altar in every home of the church membership and this was the result of the first day's challenge in that direction.

Thursday, December 18, 1947

THE BAPTIST RECORD

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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MISS EDWINA ROBINSON

Miss Edwina Robinson, State W. M. U. Executive Secretary, will be one of our guest speakers at the State Training Union Convention meeting at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. Tuesday December 30th. Miss Robinson toured Europe this year and has a real message for us all. Our three guest speakers on the convention program will have as their general theme "Our World" and will approach the subject from different angles. On Tuesday night, when Miss Robinson will speak, we will close our convention with a consecration service. Be with us if possible, if not possible for you to be there in person, pray for a great outpouring of the Spirit of God. Read the program outline of the front page of this issue of the Record.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

You are thinking of Christmas! So are we, and as we think of it we are thinking of our many friends who have been so loyal and so royal through the years. We add to that list new friends made this year. How grateful we are to God for you. Together we have been honored by God letting us work with Him in His great program. Let us praise Him together at this Christmas time and pledge him anew our devotion in action for the days ahead. Good wishes to all, and a hearty THANK YOU.

JACKSON CO. REPORTS A GREAT MEETING ON NOV. 30

The Jackson Co. Associational Training Union met with East Moss Point for their mass meeting. There were 234 present including 12 pastors, and 10 directors. Mr. Plunkett Martin and Dr. A. E. Timms of the New Orleans Seminary were guest soloist and speaker respectively, with Rev. D. F. Mason rendering special music on his trombone. Rev. Wallace Harrell, Associational Director presided. W. P. Gallis, Associational Secretary, reports the meeting as very inspiring. The next meeting is to be held at Escatawpa.

More than one associational director writes they have plans to run a bus to the State Training Union Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Dec. 30th. These busses will bring representatives from many churches in the associations. Good idea!

YOUNG BAPTISTS OF ASIA

For the Young People's program for December 28th a very attractive packet including five splendid copies of photographs of this many fine young friends of Asia, has been prepared. This packet is available at the Baptist Book Store Jackson, and having it for use on that evening will certainly enrich the program. We are grateful to Miss Marjorie Moore of the Foreign Mission Board for making possible this service, and we urge our unions to order immediately one of these packets. Along with the packet comes a sheet of introduction to these young people.

COVINGTON COUNTY

Our last Leadership School and Training Union Revival for this year was in Covington Co. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Associational Director, splendid plans were made and it was a worthy climax to the years promotional program. Eleven churches cooperated with an average attendance of 150. Many contributed to make the week a success, special thanks go to the host pastor, James Fairchild, and the Collins Church. No association has made progress in Training Union work in the past few years than has Covington, being one of six in the state to reach the standard this year.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.
CALLED AND ACCEPTED

John Edward Rouse, First, Laurens, South Carolina. Rupert Nancy, Lookout Mountain Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., from Olivet Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. L. T. Daniel, Woodville, Texas. C. S. Price, Quemadine, Texas. Don Richey, China Springs, Texas. C. C. Mosier, Hempstead, Texas. Arthur W. Rich, Lessburg, Florida from Rome, Georgia. I. E. Kirchner, Yorktown, Texas from Rowena. H. L. Olin, Bryans Mill, Texas from Redwater. George R. Wilson, Sweetwater, Texas from Quenah. Loyd J. Chapman, First, Eastland, Texas from Wooster. Jesse Davis, Bloomburg, Texas from Lake Jackson. R. Lee Buice, Second Church, Marietta, Georgia from Chicopee. J. Louell Knupp, Waynesboro, Tennessee from Kevil, Kentucky. G. O. Cavanah, Smithland, Kentucky from Arlington. R. E. Hood, Parker Memorial, Anniston, Alabama. E. M. Altman, Silverton, Thomaston, Georgia from Grant Park, Atlanta, Georgia. Paul Aiken, Kirkwood Church, Atlanta, Georgia from Warren, Arkansas. Thomas M. Collins, First, Carrollton, Alabama. John O. Richardson, First, Centre, Alabama from Guntersville. H. Gillis Partin, Grandview, Dothan, Alabama from Auburn, N. Y. J. H. Brown, Highland Gardens, Montgomery, Alabama from Girtard. Clifton L. Smith, Kountze, Texas.

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S. E. Pastors' Conference Meets December 22

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at First Church, Laurel, on December 22. The programs will begin at 10:00 o'clock a.m. and is as follows:

Devotional-Rev. O. B. Renick
Reports from pastors

New Year Sermon outlines-Rev. R. A. Morris, Dr. J. C. Murphy, Dr. Bryan Simmons

Sermon-Rev. J. F. Brantley
Lunch
Business

Bible Study-Rev. James W. Parish

Sunday, February 1, Set As
Baptist World Alliance Day

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(BP)—The administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance in a meeting here voted that the First Sunday in February, 1948, be Baptist World Alliance Sunday and that churches be encouraged to contribute "Fellowship Offerings" on this day to the Alliance, half of which will be used for World Relief and the other half for current expenses.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, said that a special message will be prepared for the day stressing a three-fold program. Relief, Evangelism, and Religious Freedom. A tentative operating budget of "approximately \$75,000" was voted and a committee of three appointed to formulate a detailed budget to be presented to the constituent bodies.

Encouraging reports were presented on the campaign to secure a "Million dollars for food and clothes for a million people."

It was also voted to secure a full-time representative to serve with the Cralog Organization in Germany; to expand relief work in Austria; to have a worker with displaced persons; to

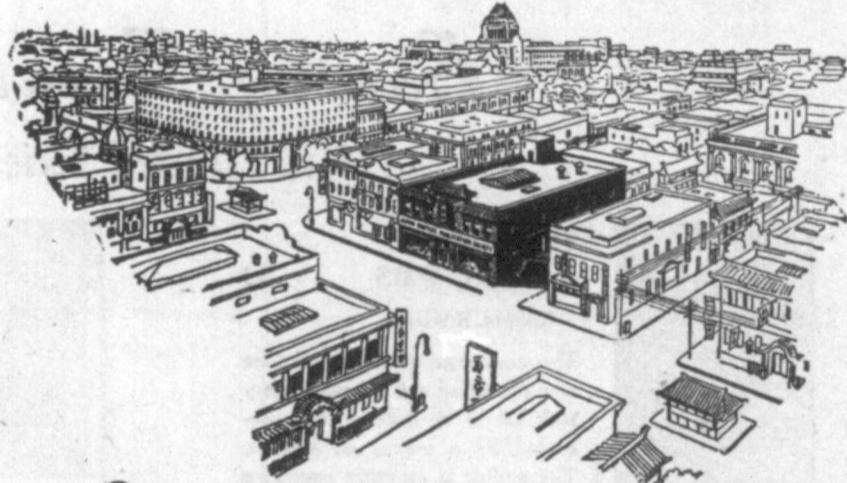
Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, is planning a week of Bible study, January 5-9, in keeping with Bible Week as outlined by the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastor Homer W. Roberson will teach the suggested book of Ephesian.

The Senate Commerce subcommittee has turned down a bill by Senator Arthur Capper to ban the interstate movement of publications advertising liquors. The committee suggested that Senator Capper introduce a new bill to declare advertising misleading if it indicates that it is beneficial to health or contributes to physical upbuilding, will increase social or business standing, or is traditional in American family life or should be a part of the atmosphere of the American home."

Rev. Jack Bridges, Mississippian, now pastor of Lakewood Heights Church, Atlanta, Georgia, writes that they began using their new Educational Plant on December 7. This provides for all the Sunday School except the Adult Department which will be provided for in the basement of the main building. He and the other Mississippians send greetings to their fellow-Mississippians.

aid English Baptists this winter by sending them CARE packages; and that special relief projects and individual appeals for help be cleared through existing relief agencies and the Baptist World Alliance office here.

Southern Baptists Can Make This Dream Come True!

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for Japan in Tokyo

One of the twentieth century's tragedies is the betrayal of the world's most literate nation by its own military leaders. Literacy without literature can lead to ruin, and the Baptists of Japan pray for help in the production of a body of literature of positive Christian content to give to the disillusioned, embittered people of their country. Their churches, schools, seminaries, and kindergartens need Sunday school lessons helps, missionary program materials, and Bibles in the Japanese language. Although English language helps are being used more widely than ever,

they are not a substitute for a Christian literature for Japan.

A staff of editors and translators, a corps of bookstore workers, and well-trained porteurs are needed.

Missions volunteers are preparing in the States for this type of ministry to the new Japan. They have a right to expect appointment.

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STATE MUSIC PLANNING MEETING HELD

Thursday, December 4th, our District Music Directors and our State Music officers met at the Baptist Building to make plans for 1948. We have never seen a finer spirit and better work done by any group. Plans were made to go forward with the printing of our "Church Music Emphasis for 1948." The following dates were definitely decided on: May 16, Associational Music Festivals; June, July, August, Summer Schools of Music; June 27, District Music Festivals; August 1-6, State Music Leadership Conference; October 1 and 2, State Music Convention.

CHURCH MUSIC TRAINING COURSE

Our Music Committee, appointed by the state Board to review the work of the Music Department, brought a recommendation that needs to be kept before our churches.

They commended the new church music training course, of the Southern Baptist Convention to the churches of the state. This course offers sixteen books with a church music diploma for the completion of four books in four different fields. The next four books completed earn a red seal, four more books, a blue and four more, a gold seal. Eight books are available

for study now. Write us if you are interested in this phase of our work.

PLAN A SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

Plans are being made for an aggressive music program over the state during the summer of 1948. We are eliminating weak teachers and adding strong ones. We expect to have 25 Summer Field Workers on the field during June, July and August. These teachers will be paid \$40 for a one week school. This amount will be paid by the local church. This department will pay their necessary traveling expenses.

The churches that make their requests known early in the new year will receive their choice of teachers and dates.

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Barton Church, George County, adopted its annual budget December 7. The budget was not cut even though some faithful members have had their work cut off. Local expenditures were cut in order to increase contributions to foreign missions by five per cent. Barton church is the youngest in the Association, and has the smallest membership, but gave more to outside causes than any church except Lucedale Church, and more in proportion than any church in the Association. —Opal Rorward, reporter.

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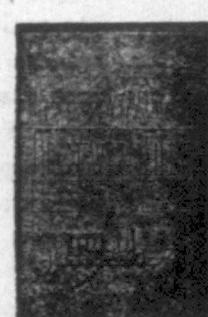


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Byram

It was our privilege to speak to the saints at Byram Wednesday night, December 3. Pastor Henry J. Bennett and his people have just completed a new church building which evidences the fact that they are wide awake and are at work. They are manifesting an interest in the fight against lawlessness and crime and especially against our Public Enemy No. 1, namely, John Barleycorn.

Sunday, December 7

Pastor H. C. Cox arranged for a special service in his church at Manatee for the eleven o'clock hour Sunday. He is leading his people in the fight against strong drink. This service was well attended and in addition to speaking at eleven o'clock, we spoke to the Men's Bible Class.

At Mathiston

A country-wide rally had been planned for the afternoon to meet at Mathiston. This rally was attended by many interested enthusiastic Christians whose lives and efforts are dedicated to the crusade for civic righteousness. The judge was present who said that for sixteen years eighty-seven per cent of the crime that has come before him was caused by drink.

The Winston County Christian Citizens' League

The Winston County Christian Citizens' League is getting off to a good start in its organization. We spoke to them at their meeting Monday night, December 8. They also showed the picture "The Boy Joe," which is the best temperance picture which it has been my privilege to see. This League was organized with the intention of suppressing crime, and lawlessness. Also, it is their intention to provide a recreational program for the youth.

A Work for All to Do

There is an increasing interest in this work manifested throughout the state. Many calls are coming from churches and other groups. It is our purpose to serve whenever the call comes if at all possible. Every Christian should have a part in the crusade for civic righteousness. One thing each one can do is to contact the legislators or write them a letter, and urge them to use their influence against liquor. The liquor crowd is seeking to legalize strong drink when the legislature meets. We need to act now.

Simpson County League

The Simpson County Christian Citizens' League is going places. Much good has already been accomplished. One of their pastors has just called to tell of new successes. We bid them God speed. There is no reason why other counties can not do the same thing.

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BOWMAR AVENUE HONORS PASTOR ON ANNIVERSARY

Sunday on November 2 was the beginning of Pastor Homer W. Roberson's third year at Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

A special service was held by the church in honor and appreciation of Pastor Roberson and his family. Roy E. Blades, Chairman of the Deacons, presented Mr. and Mrs. Roberson two lovely blankets from the church. O. L. Chambers, Educational Director, expressed in behalf of the church their love and esteem for Mr. Roberson and his remarkable work.

Some of the accomplishments of the church under Rev. Roberson's ministry were cited from the church records as following:

1. Better than 300 additions to the church; with better than 100 coming on confession of faith.
2. A lovely pastor's home bought and paid for.
3. \$5,000.00 paid on church debt.
4. \$65,000.00 given for all causes.
5. A full time office secretary and educational director employed.
6. Plans set up for the erection of a new church auditorium and educational building to accommodate 1000 membership. Several thousand dollars raised for the new plant.
7. A Brotherhood organized.
8. Mission work being carried forward in several needed sections.
9. Assisted in the organization of two new Baptist Churches.
10. Evening worship services broadcast over radio station WQBC.

Christmas And The Tie That Binds

By Dr. W. R. Cullom

By Dr. W. R. Cannon

Christmas! Christmas! How our hearts were thrilled at the sound of that word when it suggested "Old Santy" with the many "goodies" that came with him! Blessings on the Christmas, on the Santa Clause, on the full stockings, on the happy surprises, on the hilarious exclamations, on the "groanings" of the table with their weight of good things, and on the thousand and one other things that came to us out of loving hearts, and from tender deft hands to make us happy! God forbid that any of us should ever grow so old, so crystalized, or so irresponsible as to lose our capacity for sharing with the children, with the young people and with one another in exhilarating happiness at the Christmas season! The great Apostle bids us to "rejoice with them that do rejoice" (Rom. 12:15). But the same Apostle tells us also in the same verse to "weep with them that weep."

Which side of this double exhortation should take precedence today? When I think of the many blessings that come to me — friends, books, opportunities to love and try to help and bless people of all sorts and conditions; and of the multitudes of good people that are all about me and that are to be found all over the earth; I am made to feel that the privilege of rejoicing must be first and remain first forever. And then when I think further of the billions and billions of dollars; the tons and tons of goods, clothing, medicine; and of the millions and millions of all sorts of things that are being sent to the hungry, the needy and the suffering all over the earth, I am made to feel that surely the spirit of the Burden Bearer is in the hearts of men, women and children as never before! Then when I turn and look into the other side of the scale — at the anguish, at the sorrow, at the exhibitions of selfish greed, at the race antagonism, at the clashings of class against class, at the grasping rivalries among nations — I am forced to exclaim down deep in my soul, "My God! Can it be that these people do really bear in themselves that Divine spark which the Old Book tells us was breathed into them from Thee when Thy final touch was put upon them in the beginning" (Gen. 2:7)?

It is hoped that those who have followed me up to this point are beginning to see what is meant by "the tie that binds"; it is none other than the experience of religion — that experience that unites us with God. But it was seen that there are two foci in this experience: there is a tie that binds man to his fellow men also, and this tie likewise has been broken. Does the same power that rebinds to God rebind people to their fellows also? We have seen that the second commandment — love to men — is "like unto" the first — love to God. The common denominator, therefore, and the key word in dealing with both is to be found in that great and unique experience that we call love. And whence and how is this experience to be born within us? Not by law, surely. The great Apostle declares that he had tried this to the limit only to cry out in the end, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death," or this dead body? It is not to be effected by covenants and agreements. A dependable writer said recently that there were more than six hundred such covenants in

existence when the second World War broke out! It is not to be effected by uniting around selfish and negative purposes, however worthy in themselves. To see the result of such a principle and motive of union one has only to think for a moment of the various and futile meetings of the leaders of the Allies during the two and more years since the war closed. If that doesn't convince him, let him look at and listen to the wranglings among those gathered around the table of the co-called United Nations Organization!

Organization!

Some one may think that I am too pessimistic in my outlook. If we are to be left to ourselves I confess that I am pessimistic, and pessimistic in the extreme. But thanks be to Him who "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," the one in whom "was life," and whose "life was and is the light of men." And is it not a most happy assurance that we can read in the same connection that "the light shineth in the darkness and the darkness overcame it

not." The word "overcame" is taken from the Twentieth Century New Testament, but it is thoroughly legitimate and can be depended on. And let us understand, too, that all of this has to do directly with Christmas and with all that is richest and best that has been, is, or can be associated with that significant term. "We love because he first loved us" (John 4:19).

After all, the main things in life are very few, and are very simple in their

application. When boiled down to the bottom those main things seem to me to be just two: (1) inhale; (2) exhale. Is it as simple as all that? It is even as simple as all that. But don't be led astray by its simplicity. The two processes named require time, attention, patience, perseverance, and a constant feeding on the riches that God has provided for us in a thousand ways, and in many thou-

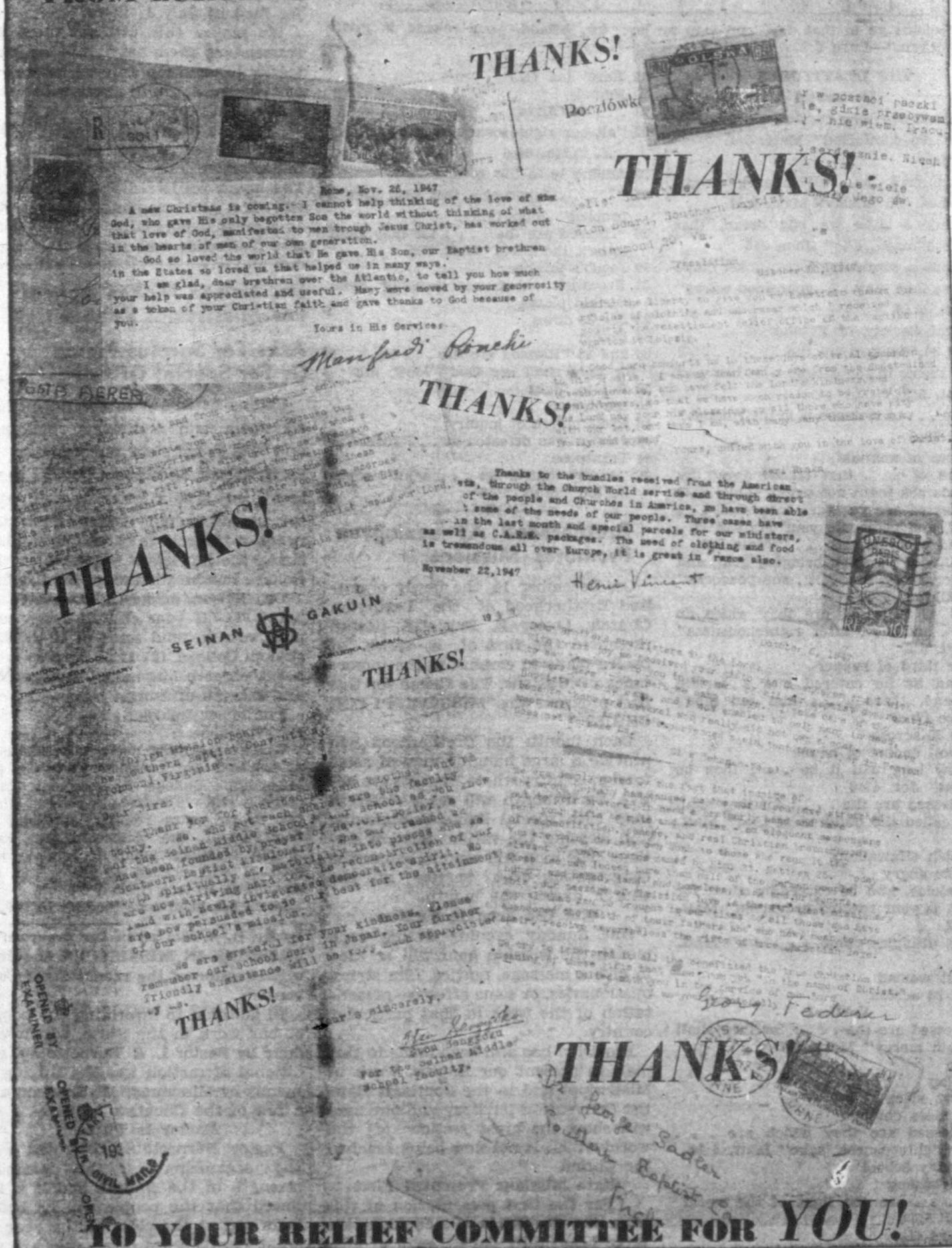
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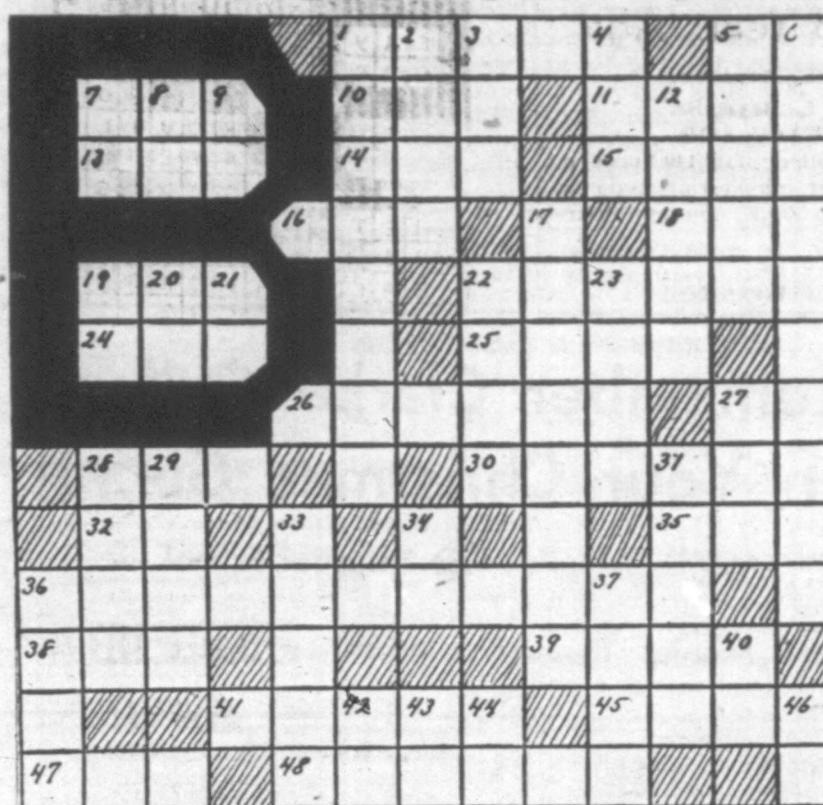
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"Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven."—Luke 6:23

THE BEATITUDES

Horizontal

- 1 Blessed are they that . . . : for they shall be comforted" Matt. 5:4
- 5 Spain
- 7 "and shall . . . all manner of evil against you falsely" Matt. 5:11
- 10 "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may . . ." John 3:5
- 11 Before, a combining form; poker stake
- 13 "that they may . . . your good works" Matt. 5:16
- 14 Royal Society of Edinburgh
- 15 and 30 "Blessed are the . . . in . . . : for theirs in the kingdom of heaven" Matt. 5:3
- 16 "the . . . of violence is in their hands" Isa. 59:6
- 18 Genus of animals
- 19 "and of . . . that taketh away thy goods ask them not again" Luke 6:30
- 22 "Blessed are ye, when men shall . . . you, and persecute you" Matt. 5:11
- 24 "and when he was . . ." Matt. 5:1
- 25 "ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and . . . , and peacocks" II Chron. 9:21
- 26 and 48 "Blessed are they which do . . . and . . . after righteousness" Matt. 5:6
- 27 One third of supper
- 28 "And as he entered into a certain village, there . . . him ten men" Luke 17:12
- 30 See 15 across
- 32 Plural ending of nouns
- 35 "how long will it be . . . thou be quiet" Jer. 47:6
- 36 "Blessed are the . . . : for they shall be called the children of God" Matt. 5:9
- 38 A fish (Hawaiian)
- 39 Make angry
- 41 "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for . . . is your reward in heaven" Matt. 5:12
- 45 "his disciples came . . . him" Matt. 5:1
- 47 First woman
- 48 See 26 across

Vertical

- 1 "Blessed are the . . . : for they shall obtain mercy" Matt. 5:7
- 2 Kiln
- 3 Indian
- 4 Short sleep
- 5 Backless chair
- 6 "Blessed are they which are . . . for righteousness' sake" Matt. 5:10
- 7 Sunday School
- 8 Diphthong
- 9 ". . . are the light of the world" Matt. 5:14
- 12 To us (L.)
- 17 To pepper again

President Baptist World Alliance Extends New Year's Greetings

From the heart of my City, Saint Louis, and from the heart of my country, but more from my own heart, I send you Christian Greetings.

As these Greetings are read all around the world, another year will be drawing to a close, and a New Year will be dawning.

How different will be conditions in which this message will be read. With some there will be laughter and song and revelry. That a year is dying will mean little. The general attitude will be "let it die, it brought little of good anyway." To millions, the date on a calendar will have no significance. Every day is filled with sorrow, suffering and anxiety.

To all such of our Baptist family we extend our sincere love and prayers. The strong must bear the burdens of the weak and our Baptist World Alliance, from its united strength, has undertaken to provide clothing for one million people and one million dollars for food by July 1, 1948.

We realize this will not meet the tremendous need, but it will, at least, testify to our deep concern, as well as our sincere desire to share with those less fortunate.

A glance backward brings at once before us our great gathering in Copenhagen, July and August last. The honor conferred upon me carries with it a great responsibility, as well as a great opportunity. My first definite realization was and is that what

needs to be done, can be done only if we are together. We cannot be in "one place," but we can be "of one mind and one accord."

Two objectives have been set before us. Each is so important that we can hardly say either should be first. They are—"Evangelism and Relief, or Relief and Evangelism." As one of the brethren said to me, in Copenhagen, after expressing thanks for all the material aid, which had been sent to his people . . . he said, "Please do not cheat us on the Gospel."

That is the picture before us now. Food, Clothing, Shelter, Yes, but also and along with the other, the Gospel, Salvation, Hope, Peace and Life Eternal.

As we enter into the New Year, my prayer will be that we may do so with courage and faith. That we may each covenant to pray at eight o'clock in the morning for each other. By so doing we will establish a round-the-world hour of prayer. Some will be praying every hour of the twenty-four.

Please do not think me too selfish if I ask that you remember me in your prayer, for I feel my own weakness and unworthiness to be your leader.

With sincere appreciation for all the followers of Christ everywhere, and especially for those of my own household of faith, my Baptist Brethren, I am,

Your in His Service,
C. O. JOHNSON, President,
Baptist World Alliance.

we are humbly grateful. The two Residence Halls for young women, modern in every respect and fully equipped, the three story Library Annex with its shelving and stacks and thousands of new books, eight concert tennis courts, six apartment houses of eight apartments each, classroom, dormitory, and cafeteria equipment are all fulfilled objectives which were set before us three years ago. We cannot call it a day however until all the work is done.

And if Mississippi Baptists want to stay in the Christian Education business the work will not be done as long as there are students knocking at the door, seeking admission and opportunity to satisfy unrealized high ideals and unattained noble ambitions. And they are, in numbers, knocking at the door of Mississippi College. One thousand and sixty-five are already here. With the exception of a few available in the girl's dormitories all other space, in classrooms, auditorium, and living quarters have been preempted.

In the light of the above challenge and for the sake of these young people who are to be the future leaders of our denomination, will you not lead your people to make a sacrificial effort to meet the emergency that is upon us? If you are closing your church year with a surplus in your treasury, why not suggest to your church that they make a worthy contribution out of this surplus. If you are not closing the year with a balance, will you not lead your church in observing a Mississippi College Day and in the spirit of prayer, and in the name of Christ, make a worthy contribution for this worthy cause? The Lord is certainly in it all or else He would not have poured out His blessings until there is no room remaining.

Much has been done thus far for which

by Dr. D. A. McCall in the program of MISSIONS IN MISSISSIPPI the first night session of the recent State Convention.

In addition to informing the people of our work in the State, which was done by Pastor L. E. Burnette, an additional attraction was the singing of hymns by Missionary W. Simpson and a few of the Choctaw Indians.

Pastor Is Pleased

Pastor Burnette is delighted with the organizing of the manhood strength of the church, and it is believed that the people will be better informed at the close of the year on what Baptists are doing and are not doing in the world.

Please help, and do it now.
Faithfully yours,
D. M. NELSON, President.

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In reading the Bible one must think of God in his universal nature, loving the whole world and for its redemption giving his Son. . . J. M. Dawson in The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

Brotherhood At Lexington Promotes Missions

On December 14, the newly organized Brotherhood of the Lexington Church, Lester E. Burnette, pastor, presented the first of a series of twelve plans to emphasize the importance of Missions. The theme for this first program was "MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST."

Each month the Brotherhood will provide a large hanging map of some foreign country where Baptists are active. Each month will see a different map with special lights emphasizing and locating the various mission stations. The map will remain before the congregation each service of the church during the month.

Will Use Evening Service

One Sunday evening during each month the worship hour will be used to give a message, movies, film strips, missionaries, or some effective presentation of the work in that particular country.

Provision has also been made in this plan to present our Baptist Work in Mississippi and in the Southern Baptist Convention territory and one map will show the great section of the world which is not now being reached for Christ.

State Missions Presented First

For the first presentation of this plan the Brotherhood acquired the large beautifully lighted map of Mississippi which was so effectively used

Thursday, December 18, 1947

THE BAPTIST RECORD

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Sunday School Lesson

By Hight C. Moore
December 25, 1947

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

The coming of the Prince of Peace was forecast in the prophecy of Isaiah (9:2-7), and the consummation of his kingdom is forecast in the apocalypse of John (Rev. 8-15).

Lesson Text and Outline

Isaiah 9:2-7; Revelation 11:15; 15:2-4

I. PROMISE OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE (Isaiah 9)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The might God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth this.

II. POWER OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE (Revelation 11)

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

III. PRAISE TO THE PRINCE OF PEACE (Revelation 15)

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

The life of Jesus on earth had its heavenward aspect, for he glorified God as no one else ever did in all the world and as even he could do in no other way.

His matchless life also had its earthward aspect, so transforming the lives of men that all hate and discontent should be utterly blotted out and every heart be filled with the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

CHRISTMAS AND THE TIE THAT BINDS

(Continued from Page Thirteen)

sands of items. The truth is that all the world with all of its men, women and children, all the good, all the bad, and all those that come in between; all the problems, all the difficulties, all the experiences of all the people, constitute for us the laboratory that God has spread out before us (Matt. 13:38). As we inhale the great principles of the External as He gives them to us in His Word, in His Providential dealings with us, in good books, in fellowship with good people, and in all the many opportunities He opens up to us in our daily grind — as we take time to put these into our personalities and then go out to express all in word and in deed in all our contacts with people everywhere, we shall come to share with Him in all that He is doing. As we do this, "the joy of the Lord" will become our strength to an ever-increasing degree every day, world without end!

May we be faithful and diligent in expressing his life and spirit in the world about us until the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall have covered the earth as the waters cover the sea! Then will the Christmas spirit have become a reality in all the earth; the two foci — love of God and love of fellow men — will tie all people inseparably to God and to one another; and the Christmas ideal will be universal and perpetual! And is not this the prayer that he put into first petition in His model prayer — "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven."

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Louisiana Baptists Will Move Headquarters

PINEVILLE, La. — (BP) — Louisiana Baptists in their 100th session adopted a record high budget of \$380,000 for 1948, authorized their three hospitals to borrow money to complete expansion programs already begun, and voted to move state headquarters from Shreveport to Alexandria.

Dr. W. H. Knight, executive secretary, reported total receipts by the Executive Board through the Co-operative Program, including budget and designated funds, \$1,033,393.11 He also reported that incomes of the several institutions, not cleared through the Board office, was \$1,331,585. This, he said, "sets an all-time high for Baptist business for the Lord in lovely Louisiana."

The past year, also, was an all-time high in baptisms. There were approximately 14,000 baptisms during the year, about 3,000 more than the preceding year. The Convention approved a statewide evangelistic campaign under the direction of Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans.

Rev. T. W. Grayer, retired minister of Franklinton, was re-elected president.

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MRS. MARY E. SUMRALL LEE

Funeral services were held at Sanford Baptist Church on November 2, for Mrs. Mary E. Sumrall Lee, widow of the late John T. Lee. Services were conducted by the pastor Rev. Fewell, assisted by Rev. Curtis Shows. Mrs. Lee died at Gulfport, October 31, 1947. Burial was made in Providence cemetery.

Mrs. Lee was born in Perry County (now Forest) near Morriston, February 16, 1860. She had been a member of Sanford Baptist Church for 47 years, joining by letter in the year of 1900. She is survived by one son and five daughters: Henry A. Lee, Sanford, Miss., Mrs. M. L. Watts, Hattiesburg, Mrs. W. P. Sowell, Jackson, Louisiana, Mrs. D. A. Shill, Akers, Louisiana, and Misses Nora and Bessie Lee, Gulfport, Miss., also nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

40 & 25 Years Ago

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40 YEARS AGO.

Mississippi College had 440 enrolled, 50 of whom were ministerial students, according to Dr. W. T. Lowrey, President.

25 YEARS AGO

President J. W. Provine announces jubilantly that a long cherished dream had come true in Mississippi College's having been admitted into membership of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, "without question of hesitation, and with enthusiasm," her endowment having reached \$650,000.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt was with Pastor E. B. Hatcher in a revival meeting in the Lowrey Memorial church, Blue Mountain, when over sixty were added to the church and two hundred young people offered themselves for definite Christian service.

Mississippi Baptists had sent to the Foreign Mission Board (May 5 to Dec 1) in 1921 a total of \$38,298.05 and in 1922, \$30,237.31.



Answer to Crossword Puzzle on Page 14

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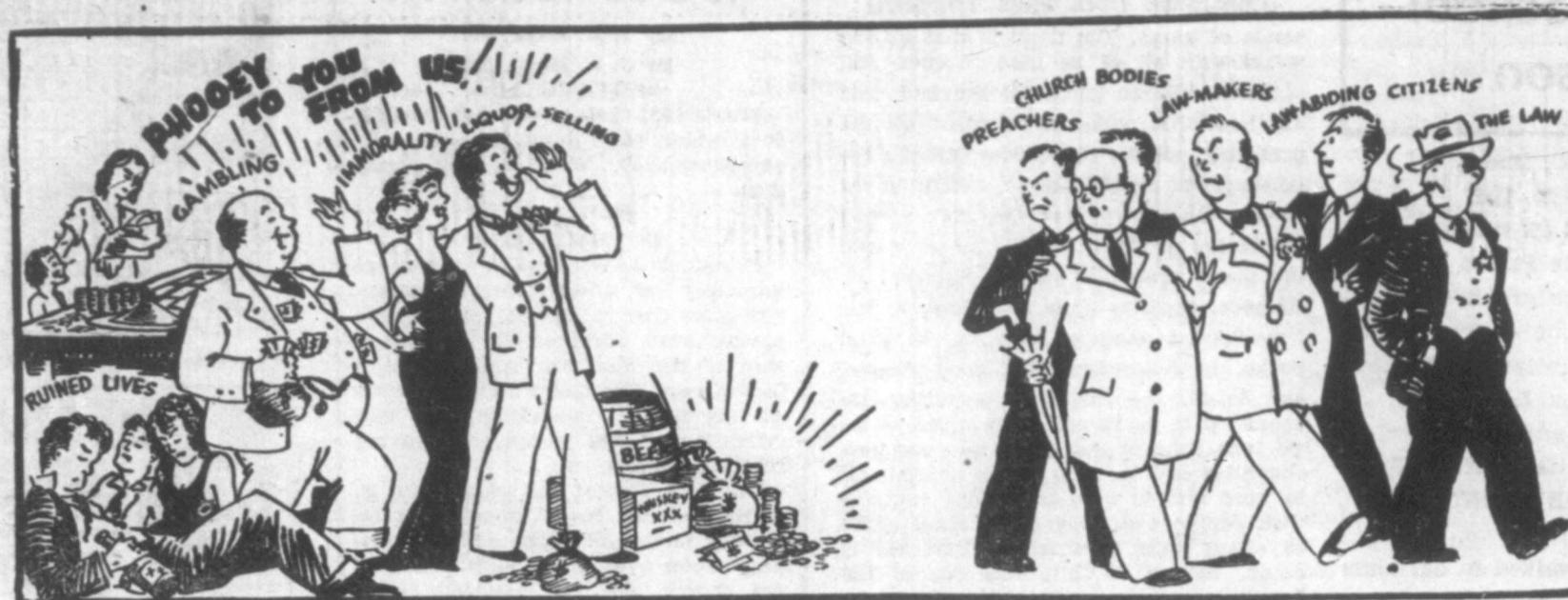
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• Southern Baptist Foreign Missions •

M. THERON RANKIN,
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH,
Editor, THE COMMISSION

The Foreign Mission Board in its monthly meeting December 11 voted to set as a goal for 1948 the appointment of 100 new missionaries. This high mark will probably enable the Board to send out in 1948 all applicants who will be qualified for appointment. With unprecedented world mission opportunities, Southern Baptists must not fail to enter open doors which God has set before us.

From Mr. T. L. Holloway, field secretary of the American Bible Society, comes copy of a cable which General Douglas MacArthur sent November 27, 1947, to the treasurer of the American Bible Society: "Reference personal cable to Commander-in-Chief 21 November. Contribution of American Bible Society inestimable value to spiritual rehabilitation of Japan and is appreciated deeply. Demand for Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels is insatiable and beyond ability of Japanese publishers to satisfy, although preferred shipment of paper and binding material will do something to alleviate situation. Large numbers of Japanese Scriptures were lost during war and in addition there is great demand by millions of Japanese who have become interested in Christian principles following establishment of freedom of religion in Japan. Urge that American Bible Society's 1948 plans

be greatly expanded and that decision to discontinue publication after that date be reconsidered. Believe strongly that discontinuance or even decrease of production will be tragic to Christian effort in Japan if effected before the Japan Bible Society can assume full responsibility for meeting the extraordinary demand now existing."

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, writes that doors of opportunity have been opened widely to our missionaries. Kwangsi University with its student body of two thousand, welcome the coming of the missionaries. Fourteen high schools in the city are virgin fields for missionary undertakings. In several of these already the missionaries are teaching Bible classes. In a large school conducted by the wife of an outstanding military leader, the missionaries are teaching classes in the New Testament. It was my privilege to speak to more than five hundred students of this institution. Following this service, large groups of students came to the services in the city, although it was necessary for them to walk three miles each way. On one night, one hundred came. On the second night, more than two hundred. Groups of singers from Kwangsi University provided special music for the services; and on Sun-

day morning, shortly before I left for Canton, it was my privilege to speak to a large group of students at Kwangsi University.

Despite discrimination against and persecution of evangelical Christians in Spain, the tide of interest in New Testament Christianity is rising. Our leading Spanish pastor writes that on October 12, when twenty-six persons were baptized, eight others "decided for Christ." He also states that the recent offering made by members of his church for "evangelization in new areas largely surpassed our own records.

One of our Nigerian missionaries writes about the outreach of some of the churches into the pagan tribes. He was particularly impressed by the presence at one worship service of 29 members of a very primitive tribe who had recently been turned to Christ. Another of our representatives related that he had conducted a series of services in which more than fifty came forward to confess Him as Savior and Lord.

The destruction of a Baptist chapel by a fanatical mob over a year ago in Pilar, in the state of Paraíba, North Brazil, caused many to feel that our work there was at an end. But through the courageous spirit of the little congregation, the generosity of Southern Baptists, and above all, the grace of God, a new day has dawned. Missionary J. B. Underwood writes: "You will rejoice to know that the new church building in Pilar, Paraíba, has been officially inaugurated—on the 19th of November. We

were thrilled by the great crowd of Christians who attended, as well as many non-believers. There were easily 400 or 500 people present; although not half that number could crowd into the new house of worship. The new temple is adequate for Pilar. Representatives from fourteen churches attended and participated in the program. There were at least seven trucks and buses chartered by the different churches to bring their people. Loud speakers made it possible for all in the streets to hear. Pastor Firmino Silva, the official speaker, brought an inspiring message. The new building is located in the heart of the city, in the main square, and although simple in its architecture is very attractive and impressive."

Pascagoula To Have Youth Revival

Pastor A. L. Ott and the young people of the East Side church are inviting all the coast young people to attend their Christmas Youth Revival which starts at 7 o'clock Christmas night and runs through Saturday night. The guest speaker will be Clinton Marlow of Miami, Fla., and helping with the music will be Scotchie McCall, Jr., of Jackson, Miss. Rev. Ott states that his young people are enthusiastic about the meeting and committees have been named to arrange all details.

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Surely, Christmas is a good time for Christians to be Christian... John L. Hill in *The Baptist Student*.

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